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Ascension

Father Pete says
something
we've not completely
understood
in the book of Luke
for example
did he look at me just then
my chest sinks
into something unconfessed
iron and dripping out
the air inside
lead eyes
steel eyes
all his ashen glances
all this dirt
I pass notes
to myself
under the desk
behind my back
right hand to left
one not knowing what the other is doing
while I gaze at Missy Taylor's legs
and the pleat of her skirt
how can these men
have both hands
both eyes