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Wayne-Daniel Berard  
**Retreat**

The monks  
at supper  
read from  
*Night Fishing in Galilee*

on the one cup  
and communion in bits  
of shared saliva.

Everyone goes,  
"Ugh," then  
titters

though they have  
a dripping  
bleeding  
man  
suspended  
at the front  
of the room

each sitting.

Return  
to my cell

remove  
the brass  
crucifix  
from the wall

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his body  
seems permanently  
attached  
to this

I cannot  
take him  
down

gently  
a Jew  
wraps him  
in his Berkeley  
sweatshirt.  
Night.