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## **Rough Draft**

by David McGrath

"Jesus Saves," read the bumper sticker  
so she tailed the smoking yellow Caddy  
hoping to ask where He had been, and  
what He was saving it for.

she tailed Him to the hospital,  
watched Him ascend the stair,  
willed him to ICU

where lay her Swaddled son--  
the mind erased by a bloodclot,  
life leaking out of a nylon straw.

Christ, slumping, scratching His head,  
his tunis stained with wine, his sandals with tar.  
He coughed, He wretched, bent to the floor  
He wheeled, then reeled, staggered out the door.

she knelt with her beads at the head of the bed,  
blind to His exit, praying to air.

## **Untitled**

by Chris Clark

Carressing the trees with his long slender fingers  
Howling like a wolf under the full moon  
Nipping at your skin on cold winter mornings  
Throwing leaves all around the world in autumn  
Bringing relief from mid-summer heat  
Pushing the flowers back and forth in spring  
Blowing all through eternity  
His work is never done