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CONFESSIONAL

Forgive me,
for I have not sinned.
It is in this
fault can be found.

Confessions spill out,
one after the other,
the things I did not do
for fear of should.

My priest is patient,
decked in green robes
draping from thin arms,
a kind, faceless pine
devoid of judgment.

The soil at her feet
Rich with tears of regret
for things left undone,
little lives left unlived
for fear of should.

Please forgive me
for I have not sinned,
no, not nearly enough.

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