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Life is witness,
to the faith you broaden—
to a congregation, you belong
in a world you have forsaken.

The church respects your concern
and identifies your condolence.
To the world, you weaken,
they pry at your religion,
watch and wait for you to sin.
Applaud at your fall.
They call you sinister,
when your face glows with grace
and tap on your window
when you had pulled the shade,
they say, “Where is the God,
that you so trust and believe?”

Laughing at you like the past
teaching nothing;
when you wipe away their tears,
they whip you with their tongue,
the same as you spoke your love.
Singing in the care for others
as your body elapsed
in the connection of world,
air and heaven.

Still, you burn your candle
and carry the Cross,
like a cloud carrying a storm—
where terrains remain
to stay dry,
you water only the thirst.