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walking back alleys passing
eyes—fear hope uncertainty(.)
And wearing a coarse tunic
—people seeing and touching
smelling sweating
Humanity

But don't worry,
You're improved upon
Off the streets behind walls—
Out of hearts behind abstractions
(Y)ou're catechisms
and vigil lights
and painted statues of a too old
—young man
sold at bazarres and stamped on
four-color off-set for
bedroom walls.

And on Sunday up the front
steps as I see a figure out
in the darkness-bound
hand and foot with a rum-bottle
Still in coarse tunic you lie
there while we love You
more hygienically. . .

—GREGORY CONCHELOS