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Rooming with Jesus

Though he would have no clothes worth borrowing
except for amusement, he wouldn't borrow yours
and leave them scattered around, unwashed.
He would forgive you for making impolite noises
and listen to any exaggerated entries
in your overlong, untitled, unpublished,
and unpublishable autobiography,
with its anecdotes about schools and carnal love . . .