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Some may find it silly,  
and why not, after seeing  
the false glow  
of the Christ crucified  
and embalmed in colorful plastic,  
smiling tolerantly to an audience  
of longhorns & shepherders  
who also radiate  
that same artificial glow.

He stands proud, centerpiece  
to the only mantle  
they know, atop a veneer box  
containing an electron beam fire  
spit smoking & crackling  
onto a sooty screen.

Silent  
before the shrine  
and nestled in livingroom pews,  
the near-sighted family huddles  
for their hourly service & benediction,  
humbling before the radiance  
and stereophonic projection  
of yet another "chosen  
one", who praises and pleads  
from the empyreal fires  
of some unattainable, better-  
than-average world.

The "chosen one" postures  
in self-appointed shrouds  
of silk & linen,  
with fingers & wrists tempted  
behind gold, glistening wires,  
and hair divinely  
anointed with age-less oils.

He has no shame, appealing  
with tales & words fabulous  
to peddle this book of leather  
and fourteen carat gold,  
which for one thousand dollars  
is impressive enough to fill  
the emptiness in the shelves  
of their souls.

With his image branded  
in their fond memory  
and his words in their heart,  
they live out their days  
before the shrine,  
in a temple precarious,  
sacrificing monthly flesh  
to repossess their grace,  
as they watch and wait  
for the final move  
to their mobile home  
in the sky.

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