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Watching two nuns
Makes me wonder
Why I'm less perfect.
I want to be good,
But carrying a habit
For my body
Wouldn't make the
Difference.
Sometimes, though,
I want to try . . .
. . . to spend
Sundays in church,
Praying songs to
Someone I've always
Wanted to meet.

. . . to seek
Lonely, empty people
And pour hope from
Holy chalices into their
Flat eyes.
. . . to laugh
Tears with the dead
Who lie in carved marble
Sarcophagi,
Remembering and counting
Days till the Millenium.
But I would cry
In the love of One who
So rarely touches the
Body created.