Sunday Mornings

Sunday mornings in the canoe I went fishing down in the slough. Not really to fish, but fishing too, While everyone else Went to pray.

Some must truly
think it best
To go to church
and feel thrice
blest.
But church is mostly
an old bird nest.
What once lived
there
has flown away.

Some seek God in bricks and glass.
Some seek Him in the waving grass.
Others refuse to seek though they pass His markings every single blessed day.

This is not where they expect His face.
In town, they built a finer place.
Can it be they expect a God of their race —
Easily winded, brittle as clay

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