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JESUS WAS

A poem by Michael Lee Johnson



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JESUS WAS

a poetry man.

Words were in his eyeballs,

His retina.

20-20 sight but a universal default.

Tears wept down on an old Olive tree

Or was it a dogwood tree cross?

Mystery waits out the years.

Resurrection and returns—

a slow retail business.



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