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There are saints who walk the solitary fields of earth.

I met him late one afternoon on a deserted mountain
On an ancient unused road covered with pine needles.
He was old and had a beard and was full of wisdom.
We talked for a long time discussing first one thing then another.
Finally I asked him about Emily Dickenson.
Her poetry is full of quiet beauty I told him,
And it reminds me a lot of this mountain.
She is doing well he smiled
But she does not write so much as she use to.
Mostly she watches sunrises and sunsets,
And spends a great deal of time
Listening to Nutcracker Suite on the stereo.