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I've watched the visions of the world
from my hotelroom
where the streets are always messy
with people chasing time they can't keep up with.
The restless neon signs and commercials
knocking at my pockets,
I don't understand them,
and the newspaper boy makes it even harder
the way he stands at the corner
and gets a dollar for yelling out their transgressions.
I walked down the street today
and stood bewildered at the sight of a flower on Main Street.
It was a mistake though,
Someone came out from a store and pulled its face away.
Main Street was itself again
And I walked back to my hotelroom
pondering still at this elusive mass of people
and thought all night about what a man once said
about His world not being of this world