

The great throne

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Rabbi, I'm losing you in all these robes,  
like a kid tunneling through a department store rack,  
pummeled by grown-up fabric.

The rainbow anchors its feet like a guard.  
If you're the one I used to know,  
sand in your hair and leper skin

under your nails, you wouldn't barricade yourself  
with torches, light your face carnelian  
like a haunted house clown. Holy

is sensing a woman's touch through your hem,  
not bulldozing souls with thunder.  
You don't need thousands of unblinking eyes

staring you down over a great glass sea  
when the fish of Galilee peer at your calloused feet  
skimming the water like sunlight.