

Yes, My Grace Is Insufferable

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You think everyone's a *Raca* these days,  
a tailgating, line-cutting, spam-  
blasting fool stumbling in a haze

of dope or *doing it for the gram*.  
I know it's hard for you to breathe,  
but even that scammer's just a lost lamb

with your credit card. You can seethe  
till dawn, but it won't change my mind.  
How beautiful are my shattered feet

that bring good news, my lousy kind  
eyes that find glittering nebula dust  
in the insipid, flatulating grind

(your words, not mine). Even junkyard rust  
brightens the skin with streaks of gold.  
It's about time you trust

that at the end of all this, I'll enfold  
you *and* that bird-flipping, don't-tread  
on-me driver into my hapless scroll.

I love every grimy hair on his head.  
That's my beloved, molded from clay,  
chomping on my wine and bread.