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RITUAL

Why ritual?
May I not receive
Christ without burial
By water?
If I remember
That He bled,
If I believe,
What need for
Sacramental bread?

Only this I know:
All cries out
For form —
No impulse
Can rest
Until somehow
It is manifest.
Even my spirit,
Housed in heaven,
Was not content
Until it won
Embodiment.