

I Tried

I read the bible,
I listened to Pastor Bob,
I pushed down my doubts

each Sunday morning
I sat still, as expected,
waiting for the light

Jews are confident,
Catholics are sure they're right,
Muslims too, I'm told

Mom said to trust God
I feared the torture of Hell
"could I deserve that?"

my young faith faltered,
I tried to make sense of it
in the end, I failed

Setting: Knoxville (Missouri) Methodist Church, 1945-1960



Photo: The abandoned church of my childhood, March 15, 2022

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