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## Answering a Question in Class

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though the 500 eyeballs  
follow the spotlight cutting  
through the gathered ensemble to  
light onto my perfectly contorted face  
at centerstage in the DL Parsons  
Theatre is not enough for me.  
though the entire congregation  
listens to the Lord of the universe  
speak through my voice  
then appraises my wisdom  
and asserts that I should be  
Preaching is not enough for me.  
though He sits on His throne,  
indentures the protons in place by nature of His  
presence,  
interprets my every confession,  
inhabits the space between  
my gaze and the mirror;  
God is not enough for me.  
as such, professor, I must raise  
my hand again so  
you all look at me a little longer.