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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.