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and

water flows
from Christ's fingertips
(like blood)
into the
fountain
of which
he stands
king

and

people,
those
city inner
and those
who would
come from
city outer
to buy,
those
all those

and

mothers and
teens
with cameras
stand below
the longing
lonely one
to

a) photograph
b) capture a
portion of
Him
and the preacher yells and screams and curses the sinners photographing

and an angry black man damns the white men who hate for no reason within Christ's arms

and his brother—mother's son shot lying in his pool flat on his back into heaven staring shot by they

and
a boy
upward
looking
tear filled
who people
step away from
because
he cries
and

a woman
back
turned
who will
turn
tricks
lost
against
the immense
skyline
outer square

but

all of
them
beneath
the statue
all of them
invited
and water
Christ's water
offered to

them all

If Mike Farr had named himself, he would now be going by Ed. He enjoys drinking Kool-aid, playing loud music, and reading Orson Pratt. You can visit him at home at http://www.byu.edu/~mfar.