Faker

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The sycamore tree root
pushed up the sidewalk
Jesus came strolling by
in his sandally Jesus feet sandals
And stubbed up his great
toe against the lifted concrete
Jesus howled to the sky
God damned son of a bitchin' son of a bitch
Mary cried Mary tears and asked
where she'd gone wrong, such a child
God mashed out his Chesterfield
and sent Jesus straight to his room