

One-eyed Jesus of the Sacred Heart

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I bought him at a flea market, near the end  
of the day, when everything in the stall  
was a dollar. He stood on a table next to  
snow globes and dog tags, ceramic mugs  
from Paris, France and Gatlinburg.

His right eye and cheek chipped off,  
the red of his robe rubbed mostly to white.  
What long little roads have you traveled,  
poor Jesus? What closets and cardboard boxes  
have you consecrated with your presence?

He's missing his right hand too, the one  
that used to point toward heaven;  
the hand that remains points to his chest,  
to the flaming heart that burns so hot  
his bones couldn't contain it.