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DARWIN, Australia—It stands  
seven stories high, four wide,  
weighs one thousand tons. the  
Petrified swarms with scientists in  
white, like maggots on meat.

Its arms and legs immobile perhaps  
for centuries or since creation.  
Its face, human and not, a smoothed  
stone from slow swirls of cosmic oceans.

on Sunday It fell from heaven like a  
hellish hammer  
pounded and burned black Darwin's shore.  
earthmovers, pulleys and levers lifted  
Its buried head.

now It stands, a  
graven image of Itself.  
Rock of Ages.