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GLORIA

Anselm, of sainted memory, contends,
Among the heāthen sophomores, for God:
What cannot be beyond imagining is.
First, Final, and Efficient causes of.
Is? Of? My third-row-beauty looks.
Is, of of what? As God is my witness
My next-to-my-third-row-beauty-pig assails
With surreptitious hand her whited thigh
Before (he thinks) my unappraising eye.
But I see, I see, I see and say, "Behold!"
Like a gold-mouthed dove from sweet Angelica,
I squawk Annunciations to the winds
That smash us in the unimagined places.
And which of us could dream these creeping fingers?
Here? Now? Not him nor her nor me.
God in His mercy comes in a mad thrust,
In a lunge beyond the possible and true,
In fingers dancing like the Seraphim before
His throne. Gloria. I turn the page.