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In heaven they complain about the doves,
all the doves everywhere dimming God's light
with translucent feathers and, yes, dropping
chalky excrement on people's tunics.

There are too many. They make a racket
when they take flight all at once, praising God.
More annoying than the doves are those souls
who draw them to the plazas with hands full
of ambrosia. The doves' soft wings brush
the enthusiasts' faces. Senselessness
makes it more popular, and everyone
wants to "fly with the doves," which is really
only standing tiptoe with arms outstretched
leaning into the wind of the doves' wings.