Nichole Nordeman, Wide Eyed

When I met him on a sidewalk He was preaching to a mailbox Down on 16th Avenue And he told me he was Jesus Sent from Jupiter to free us With a bottle of tequila and one shoe He raged about repentance He finished every sentence With a promise that the end was close at hand I didn't even try to understand He left me wide eyed in disbelief and disillusion I was tongue tied, drawn by my conclusions So I turned and walked away And laughed at what he had to say Then casually dismissed him as a fraud I forgot he was created in the image of my God

When I met her in a bookstore She was browsing on the first floor Through a yoga magazine And she told me in her past life She was some plantation slave's wife She had to figure out what that might mean She believes the healing powers of her crystals Can bring balance and new purpose to her life Sounds nice

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Not so long ago, a man from Galilee Fed thousands with His bread and His theology And the truth He spoke Quickly became the joke Of educated, self-inflated Pharisees like me

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