

Delinquent

*He didn't have a "low down-payment" option.
No "easy monthly installments"
Didn't have plastic;
He doesn't do plastic.
"Six months same as cash" wasn't considered.
The "evergreen" reminds us of
His eternal essence and
Gift to us.*

As the hum, jingle, and paper spit of electronic registers
Satisfies the *evergreen* machine that runs us,
The reason for the greatest sacrifice
Is lost.
Mesmerized by our material illusion,
We are
Delinquent.

-Dave Hoffman

Forgiven

God
feels like
moving in water
images float
like suspended fish
a bed, a dresser of drawers, a door
and He says He is
here
beside you
within you
emptying out a soul that has been
clogged with guilt
since you first began to please people
smudges
finger print lies
blueprints for you days
and bruises for your mind
He breathes on the heart-chambers
gently
wiping away smudges
with a gossamer touch

-Katie Sillanpa