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WATER INTO BEER

“I water my beer”

It was with a certain pride
that Kavanagh displayed the sign.
Since Jesus turned the water into wine
at Cana, no miracle had attracted
so many thirsty witnesses. The men
of Clement’s Ridge still lined
the bar in undiminished numbers,
waiting, it would seem
like visitors at Lourdes
for a sign
of Jimmy pouring
water into beer.