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## SUNDAY MORNING (WORSHIP?)

The pastor stands behind  
His oaken throne (fortress)  
And shoots his fire  
In a monotone  
And the people  
GROAN  
(Inwardly, of course)  
Or smirk  
Or simply turn off the TV set  
(Except, of course, for little Billy,  
Who is only five  
And is allowed to keep his TV on –  
Channel 7 – the  
Lone  
Ranger  
His favorite)

Emma Jeanne Baxter  
Blows in her hanky  
Bastes the turkey one last time  
Tries to convince herself that she  
Really did  
Turn the coffee pot

OFF

Dr. Eugene O'Rilely  
Coughs  
Glances at his watch  
Dances with his wife at the Elk's Club  
Then settles down in his favorite  
Easy Chair  
To drink beer and watch the 'Skins  
(They're at JFK today —  
It's a cinch)

Dianne Shoebocker  
Paints her nails (Starlight Plum)  
Winks at Bobby Brown  
Across the balcony

*Continued*

(Good God!)  
 The preacher drones slower  
 Than a snail  
 CRAWLS  
 Little Billy  
 SPRAWLS  
 (But he's only five so it doesn't count)  
 In the Pew  
     (Mother's laps were made  
     for Sunday worship pillows,  
   you know)

The pastor smiles at his  
 Flock  
 From behind  
 His oaken throne (fortress)  
 Stifles a yawn in a  
 "Praise the Lord!"  
 God  
 (Good God!)  
 Slips quietly from the  
 Back pew  
 (God always sits in the back pew)  
 And tiptoes out the door  
 Goes down to the corner  
     (Fifth and Main)  
 Sits down beside Old Man Foster  
 And asks for a sip from the  
 Holy Brown Bag

*Amy Joyner*