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They call me naive
because I say
the city streets are as pure
as the waters we baptize with.
And the mother who sees
more night than day—
she is my Saint.
The children sip on fear
to fill their stomachs,
and the sidewalk knows
the cadence of their
burdened feet.
Let me sing of these hymns
in the sanctuary.
Let me sing this melody in the church.

