

# limbogodisapearo

"Catholic theologian recommend that Limbo  
should be definitively abandoned by the Church."

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Sprung from Limbo, unbaptized souls stagger  
out of their sherbet haze, stunned

by the bright world. Clutching void afterlife passports,  
the distraught refugees bleat, "There is a God?"

The youngest, pale-eyed, damp, gone gray now,  
study their unlined palms, the biggest, cry.

The elders drink watered-down joe out of bottomless  
mugs, deal out okay hands of Oh-Pshaw, and mourn.

Limbo was waiting in pleasant weather.  
Limbo was centuries of knit-purl-knit-purl,

but no, never a garment. Limbo was being a passenger  
on a stopped train. Nothing came to pass, expectations

undashed. Limbo was exquisite suspension, an eternity  
of todays, a row of empty shirts clipped on a breeze.

In the largest offsite locations, the streets teem  
with the new nomads. They prey on the limos

that run the gauntlet up to heaven.  
You can walk to hell.

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