

BATMAN ON THE CORNER

he's leaning on the traffic light post with a sign that says
hungry and homeless, anything helps
the light has turned red so if I'm quick enough
i can get some change from my parking stash
i honk my horn and get his attention
roll down the window and put the change in his cup
here you go man....i like your batman t shirt
thank you brother and god bless you

the light turns green and i drive through the intersection
batman waves goodbye to me with no expression on his face
it reminds me of the punk squeegies
they used to run up to cars and offer a quick window cleaning for anything
now it looks like even the super heroes are having a hard time

i feel good for helping batman
and i feel guilty at the same time for having so much more than him
must be my catholic upbringing

hang in there batman
you have saved a million lives
including mine

the best of the grateful dead is playing on my car stereo
reach out your hand if your cup is empty
if your cup is full may it be again
ripple in still water