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GOD DOESN'T GO BY THAT NAME

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When he sleep-walked
into the bathroom
to take a leak,
he found himself on
a subway platform
wearing nothing but boxers,
boxers and a T-shirt.

Passengers getting off
and onto trains stepped
around him, shivering
and not knowing which way
to turn. Even the turnstile
turned against him
when he tried to leave the station.

It was then that two angels
with shaved heads and wearing
granny glasses came to his rescue,
draped a saffron robe around him,
gave him a tambourine and the names
of God in a foreign sounding
glossolalia to chant. And just

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as he was sitting up in bed
to go take a leak, a gruff, burly
security guard started poking
his chest with a stiff, stubby finger
and growling, "Piss off, bud,

we don't want you here. God
doesn't go by that name in these parts."