Thus it was that Merton appeared out of the desert
Proclaiming a baptism of good sense nonsense.
America went out to meet him in great numbers
And confessed to being his fans
Whether he threw them out or in.
He was clothed in Levi-Cistercian
And wore a leather belt of satire for whopping.
His food was nails and green grapes.
The theme of his preaching was:
"One more powerful than I is chasing me
Though I cannot find His footprints.
I have baptized you with puns.
He will baptize you with fire."

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