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## **Charles Simic**

## THE CHURCH OF INSOMNIA

The huge congregation is in the dark. The altar is a bed with a canopy. The minister reads by candlelight the works of Jonathan Edwards. If you listen hard you'll hear pages being turned, the ash of his cigarette falling into the abyss.

The cat with the mouse in its mouth is simply passing through.