

THE ONLY GOD YOU BELIEVE IN

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is the god of small things.

A neighbor appears
at the front door cradling
your missing puppy.

At a little free library next
block over you discover
a volume of poetry
by Antonio Machado.

The god of small things
finds parking spots; missing
passports and phones rise
from the folds of sofas,
dead computers
spring to life.

The god of small things inspires
a stranger to recharge your
batteries on the side of
the road near Cochiti Pueblo.

Last night someone rifled
through your car but took
nothing except for a silver
dollar you found on the curb.

This morning your mom
remembered her
grandchildren's names.

And the God of big things?
A gunman killed 22 people
at a Walmart in El Paso,
Another 9 were gunned
down in Dayton.

As the God of big things
looked the other way.