

Overbaugh Place Brooklyn, NY

For those of you who don't know
it's one block long, just north
of King's Highway. I'm sitting
in the only traffic lane
turn signal flashing right,
waiting for the light to change
first in line at the intersection
with Flatbush Avenue.

Another car pulls around me
in a lane reserved for parked
commuter vans (of which
there happen to be none
at the moment) edges
into the cross-walk far enough
to make sure I won't try
to race ahead and go first,

or maybe it was simply
so I could read the bumper sticker:
"Keep Christ in Christmas."
Good idea, I say to myself.
That way you are free
to ignore him the rest of the year.

Steve Bloom
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