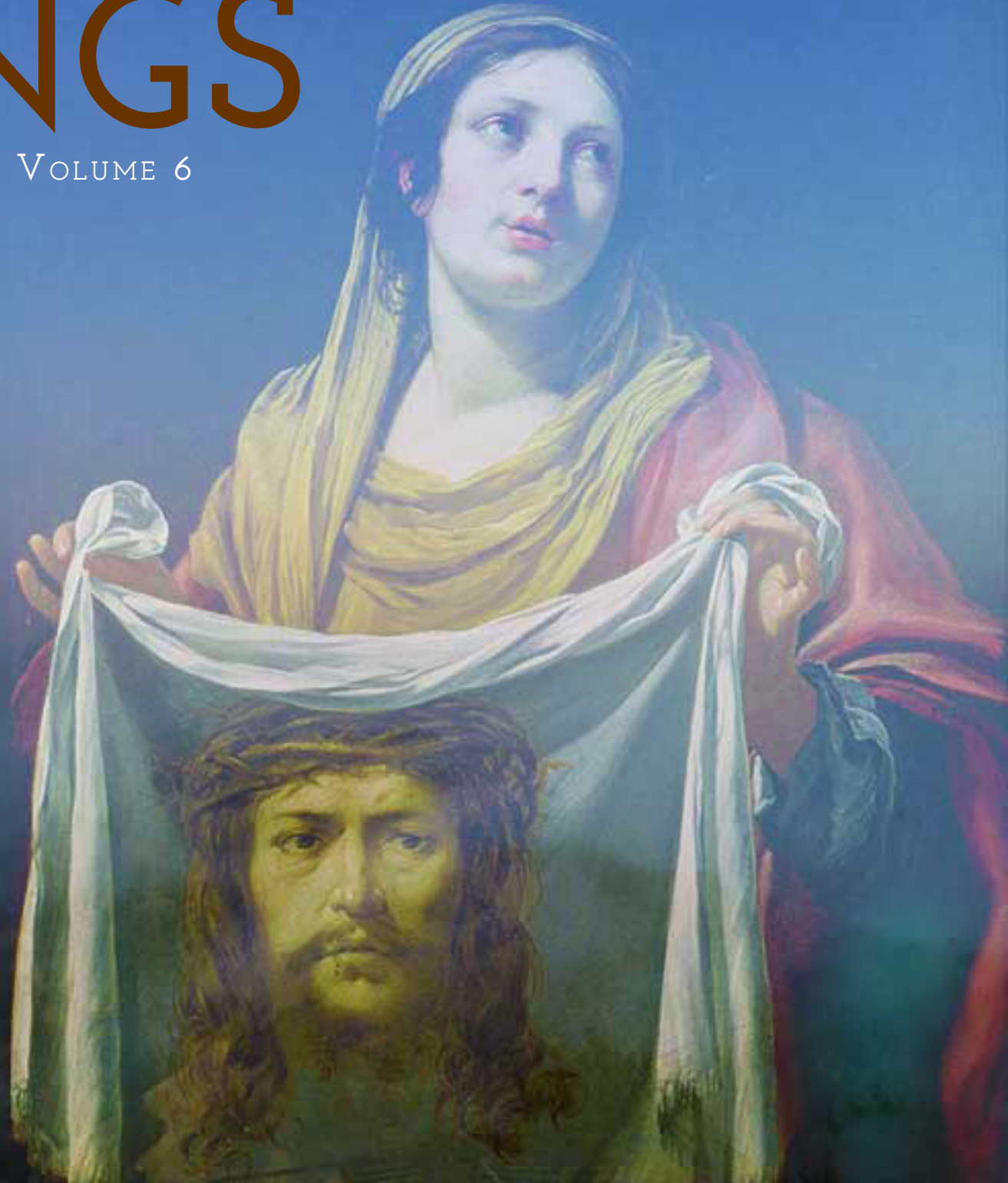


# MUSINGS

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## Veronica's Veil



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April 1, 2014:

Bald Mountain never once complained,  
even as its weather-beaten face  
was burned brown  
by a relentless sun;  
month after desiccated month.  
It responded only  
with patience.





## II

Today the rains have come;  
and the angel Veronica  
is sponging the mountain's fevered face  
with the diaphanous washcloth  
of her moisture-laden mists;  
and the mountain responds  
with gratitude.



### III

Bald Mountain knows only two ways of being:  
patience...



...and gratitude.





# IV

Thank you, Veronica  
for all the suffering faces  
you have softly  
and compassionately soothed  
since first there was a sun  
and a mountain  
and a Christ on his way to calvary.

Namasté,

*Seán*

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