

Fathers Of Faith and Unbelief

Eden hummed, no doubt, with newborn life
the first-made couple honored there
ecstasy, shoutings, jubilee in crescendo
singing while working early 'til late
filling the air with freshness and delight
Adam and Eve born full
breathing wonderfully
cherished by their earthward Creator
by the Hands that had touched some useless dust
as one might caress jewels priceless and rare
until it formed and flowed and lived
and stood up to embrace and worship Him
and with Him doubtless danced again and again
waltzing with delight in the Master's hand

Wonderfully mature, this couple
yet with minds and hearts bare of all
at first knowing little
but soon feeling much
wooned in ecstasy
wooned by their Friend
the pair, with God in The Garden
in union breathed.

'Midst the delight
'midst the relentless wave of freshness
that dear Jehovah, who is Love,
knew all, knew best
and for their sakes, and His,
kept nothing from the pair
except for one lonesome knowledge tree.

Curiosity there in them was born awry
independence suggesting a contrary life
opinions and a question-mark visiting too soon
Creation's Crown selling all to taste another way
our parents
in flesh falling from trust
tumbling into sin
like a parachute with no wind to hold it
so early tarnishing the garden's bliss
so early inventing self-serving care

pioneers, they, conceiving firstly not a child
but fathering arrogance and a lonely way
hesitation there was too early born
supposing the Blessed Author of breath
had overlooked something
had cheated them of enlightened darkness
of exposing their souls to touchings
of things less than divine
injections of matters both good and evil
staining simplicity
introducing discomfort and anxiety
assuring the serpent's lie
of their becoming earth-gods, too,
equipped now to process and analyze
self-exalted to self-choose
and live by information apart from life
strengthened to live without their Creator
enabled to survive on their own
doubting God, doubting Love
suspicious that God had shorted them
in sparing them the knowledge tree.

So, Adam, the Creator's prize
Adam, the inception of God's purpose here
Adam, tainted, severed from the divine flow
Adam, offending God's love
wedging, as it were
making to appear separate
the love of God
from the God of Love.
Adam, born to love by his Creator's source
created to believe and to receive.

Adam, the man with his wife
choosing to live life on their own.

So Adam the father of unbelief became
leaving behind his lonesome shoes
for Abraham, for Abraham to come along
for Abraham, the father of faith
that Jehovah may celebrate anew
in those who believe until one day
the holy city comes and the doors open wide.