

THEOLOGICAL POEM

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and Mary Daly)

The Goodness of God
will not be penetrated
by the mere maleness of man.

We must dance and hope
for the Creation to Become
as woman and man together.

You can't force it,
But, together, in reality,
at noon today
we might push and shove
and Make It Come.

And then fall panting into each other's arms
and sweaty
and holy
and whole.

Then we would Be
And God.

God Is strange that way.

All those years they thought He had a penis
Even after we came out of His vagina.

But in the bright light,
under the hot sun,
at noon today,
with no clothes on,
We will change that conception.

It is only a dance
But then if you don't dance,
there is nothing to do.

God is volatile and obscure
and creative—
We don't half know what God Is.

—GAYLE GRAHAM YATES

JOSEPH

Blessed are you among the sons of men
for accepting as your own
one who was not your own,
for showing and telling
without keeping books.

Did you bite your lip?
Did you grin to bear it?
Did you wear a sheepish smile
when you gave that fatherless child
your full inheritance:
a keen eye,
a steady hand,
a singularity of bearing.

You, Joseph, are a man
without claims.
As you were before Christ
so you shall be after him.

—LEROY MOORE, JR.

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