

We'll take the bus to Nazareth  
and see what we can find;  
rich and poor, a workshop,  
blistered hands,  
hard times, hard work,  
the Roman army,  
always threatening sudden violence.  
There is a young man,  
born into this mess  
of power and struggle,  
of conflicting interests,  
preaching the peace of God.  
O God, make us people of peace  
even in the mess of the real world.  
We take into our deepest selves  
the life of this man Jesus  
and the energy of  
the Spirit you share.  
Amen.

