

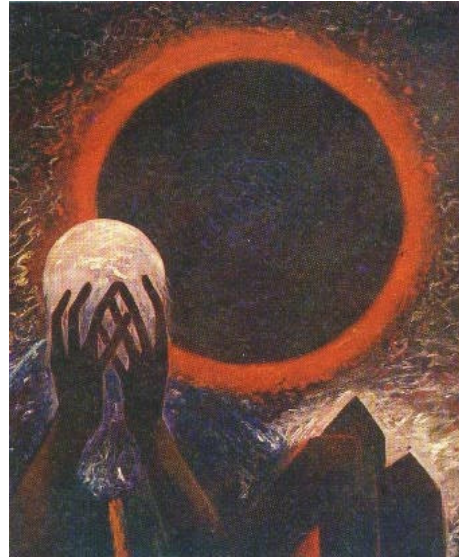
# Adam 1-2-3

## 1. Perceptions of Injustice

Her hand held out the fruit  
for the purpose of seduction,  
Soon taken, it was snatched away  
for an unequal distribution:  
seeded, cultivated, harvested,,  
horded and enjoyed as cider.

“Their sorrow,  
this ambiguous existence...  
All too much...  
Even -no, especially- their gaiety is tainted;  
It hardly lasts the evening.  
Everything is laboured.  
I just want to run away.”

He hesitates,  
then joins his neighbours.



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## 2. Pilgrimage

“How long will this continue?  
Must I run  
each time I find the fruit of yet another answer  
drier than a raisin – indigestible?  
I reach what I am seeking  
almost every day ,  
and die a little more, each time  
for fear that I will never find my home.

“We’ve all been cursed:  
I am secured by her half-love,  
their partial camaraderie.  
The worst is knowing I can never know  
what must be known,  
nor understand what and where  
the cause of this frustration is.

“Yet, crazed and bruised enough  
to keep on seeking,  
I know I must,  
again,  
leave everything. ”

## 3. Looking deep

“Imagine that a large red ball,  
the only object in the universe,  
shrinks to a point, then disappears  
in emptiness.  
This is the infinity of everyday reality,  
noticed only by the most courageous.  
How strange to find some comfort  
in such nothingness!  
Surpassing the extremes of sight  
and touch and thought,  
there may be an electron at the edge,  
cold companion to the whole.  
But that is not the point.  
The point is that  
there is no longer any point,  
and yet such peace  
as every observation disappears.

”Such silent isolation, quite surprisingly,  
assures me that I’m not alone,  
nor impotent,  
revealing how to love.”