

Credo

I believe
that if the Christ child were born again today
you would be in for a surprise,
because this time she is coming back
as the daughter of God,
and when she grows up
she won't be going in for all that walking
on water and show-off, macho, miracle stuff
her half-brother got involved with. No,
she will merely sit there quietly
and write poetry,
and when she sends her word to you
you will read her verse and reply
with a brief but polite letter:
"Dear Ms. Christ,
Thank you for your submission.
However, we believe that your manuscript
is unsuited to the needs
of our magazine
at the present time."

Steve Bloom
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