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N(at)IV(ity) : variations

i.i

The virgin conceived curds and honey. A child with open mouth stretched his hand to fatherless widows. His arm multiplied clefts of thorns. Arrogant bricks had fallen. Sycamores were cut but replaced with cedar adversaries. Everyone was a hypocrite.

i.ii

The child conceived of butter and honey abhorred the fly's hiss. The desolate hypocrite stretched his hand for thorns through smoke. Burning blood changed widows into cedars. In pride and stoutness, bricks fell from the head of the prophet.

i.iii

A lighted child spoiled smoke. His no-end stone government should be hewn word. Sycamores breached into cedars. For threescore and five years, a virgin weary of butter and honey should refuse to eat. Nevertheless, fatherless widows destroyed a hypocrite.

ii.i

Great mourning comforted her children because they were no more. Now Herod clothed in camel's hair was dead. The betrothed prophet's worshipped star baptized Babylon in myrrh.

ii.ii

Herod begat and begat myrrh. The prophet fell down as a publick example. Being warned of a dream, the young child diligently sent the star into Bethlehem.

ii.iii

Weeping prophets fulfilled a city into parts. Mocked children comforted the virgin, bidden to behold. The publick example troubled the star by writing. Words gathered sleep together.

iii.i

A widow housed temple virginity. From generation to generation, soldiers wrapped a babe. A barren son beheld the maidservant's blameless flesh in the word. Consolation anxiously reigned.

iii.ii

Blessed mother was set to fall. Her virginity was a widow of fourscore and four years. The wilderness of baptized vipers made flesh in swaddling clothes smooth.

iii.iii

In their flock, baptized vipers laid axe to root. Meat of the womb sought a sacrifice. His name loosed. The circumcising feast swaddled words for the book.