

Thomas Didymus

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When Mary Magdalene said she'd seen  
the Lord it was strangely disappointing  
One of the worst women saved from the street  
to have been first I knew it must be true  
that's just what he would do but then  
when I was the only one to fight fear  
& search for myself the others lagging behind  
it was like the soldier's spear went right through  
me too when I returned to hear  
the others bragging (that was the worst)  
that I was the only one not to have been there  
not to have seen where his hands were pierced  
I went into denial *I won't believe* I said  
*Anything less than my fingers in his wounds*  
*won't be enough* My words sounded odd  
to my ears A week later I was among  
them when he appeared & called my bluff  
*My Lord & my God* Conviction rolled off my tongue