

Sitting on a stone

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Angels expect to happen what we've been told
will happen unlike you or that old man
overawed by incense & Gabriel's presence
who stammered

How can this be done?

when told in their old age
he & his wife would have a son Why
shouldn't the archangel strike him dumb?

Herod was worse hammered against
what Micah foretold brought his shocking
sceptre down on every baby's head

& then even the fishermen
questioned among themselves
what they'd been clearly shown

So try not to hold my mocking tone
against me when I said *Why*
do you seek the living among the dead?
as I sat on that rolled-away stone