

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