

End times

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What if the Second Coming  
has already come,  
and those fearful faces,  
expecting judgment to rain down  
from the tormenting skies  
(lifting the raptured  
and leaving the rest of us behind),  
had it all wrong?

Time is an illusion,  
physicists say.  
Everything that ever  
has been or will be,  
is happening right now.  
Is it too much to hope  
that Love is still with us;  
to believe that soft  
and sweet-scented child  
lying peacefully in a manger,  
among the angels and animals,  
still reaches out,  
longing to hold and feed us;  
still waits to light this  
pitch-black winter of our souls?

Maybe the dawn of Love  
is as real and omnipresent  
as the spreading darkness.  
Maybe the judgment has already come  
and we have been found not perfect,  
but at least worth

a second chance.