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TRIAD

I. RAIN

1.

He said,
“What I have written
I have written.”
And,
“No bone shall be broken.”

Later he had still not
been able to wash.

2.

Witnesses swear
that water mixed with blood
splashed upon the earth.

Sour wine stained
the stones below.

3.

They wrapped their love in linen
and laid it on a stone.

4.

They couldn't find him.
His clothes were still there
but he had gotten up
and gone without a word.

He'd left the door open.
Two white birds had flown in.

II. WIND

1.

His breathing had stopped.
A grey wind scattered the dead leaves.
Bare trees clicked their branches.
Wind bit their faces with cold teeth.
They looked with fear at the yellow clouds.

2.

“Take my hand. Let me show you
I am real.” he said.

She took his hand,
and felt his breath
filter through her body.

3.

They went out fishing.
They didn’t catch a thing.
Later they went out again.
This time they filled their nets.
Wind blew over the surface
of the cold water.

4.

When you are young
you travel where you like.
As an old man you must follow
where you have no desire to go.

III. HAIL

1.

The Lamb's white coat
was drenched with blood.
The moon was red.
Men in white robes
passed the bleeding lamb.

2.

She was dressed in a sun-red robe.
She was so pregnant that she
cried out to be delivered.

Later she gave birth to a boy,
but he was bitten by a snake,
and he died.

3.

The hail began to fall.
Someone said,
"Goddamn the hail!"

But it came down so heavily
that you couldn't see the mountains.

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