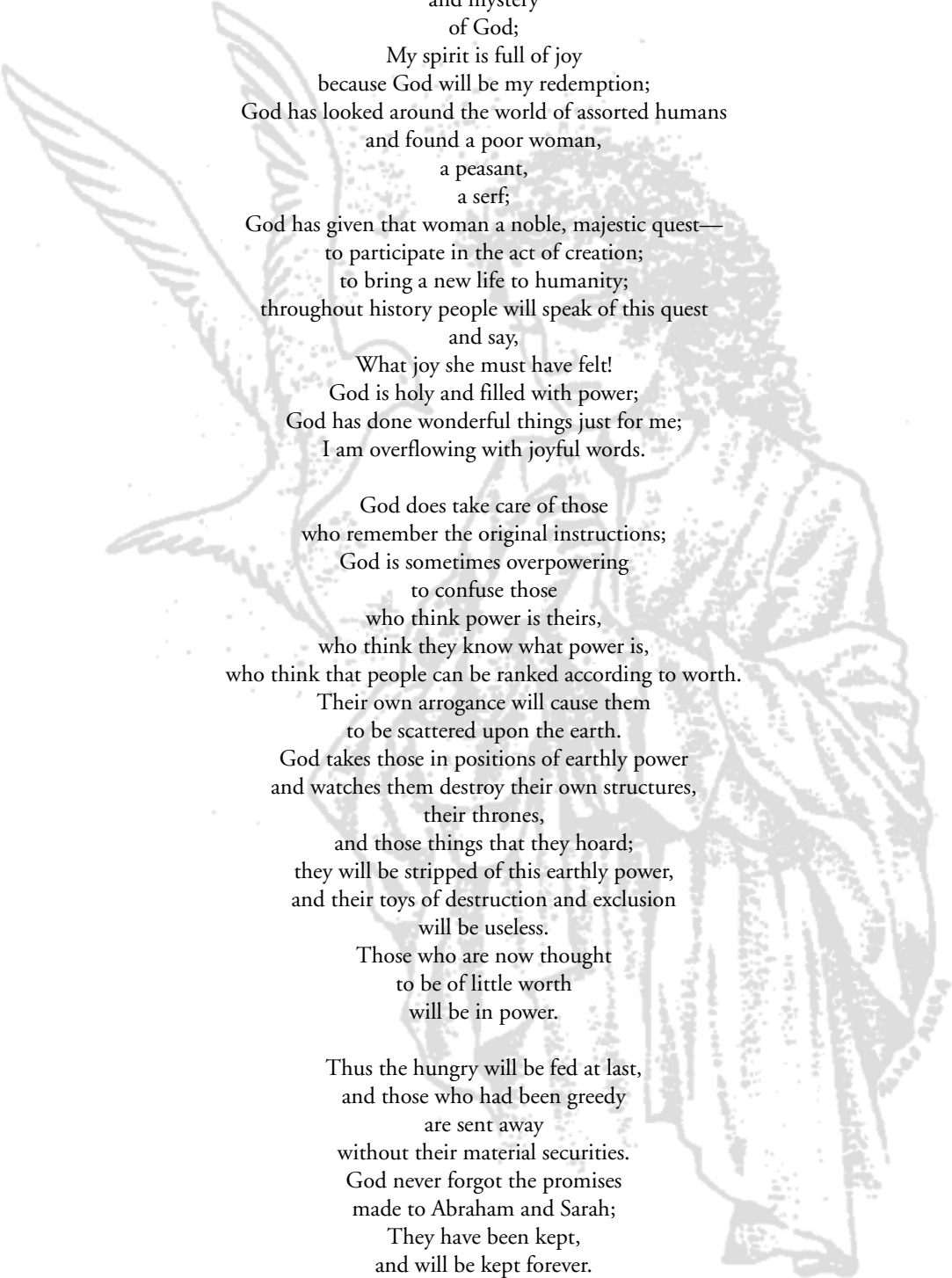


Magnificat



My soul overflows with songs
of the enormity
and power
and mystery
of God;
My spirit is full of joy
because God will be my redemption;
God has looked around the world of assorted humans
and found a poor woman,
a peasant,
a serf;
God has given that woman a noble, majestic quest—
to participate in the act of creation;
to bring a new life to humanity;
throughout history people will speak of this quest
and say,
What joy she must have felt!
God is holy and filled with power;
God has done wonderful things just for me;
I am overflowing with joyful words.

God does take care of those
who remember the original instructions;
God is sometimes overpowering
to confuse those
who think power is theirs,
who think they know what power is,
who think that people can be ranked according to worth.
Their own arrogance will cause them
to be scattered upon the earth.
God takes those in positions of earthly power
and watches them destroy their own structures,
their thrones,
and those things that they hoard;
they will be stripped of this earthly power,
and their toys of destruction and exclusion
will be useless.
Those who are now thought
to be of little worth
will be in power.

Thus the hungry will be fed at last,
and those who had been greedy
are sent away
without their material securities.
God never forgot the promises
made to Abraham and Sarah;
They have been kept,
and will be kept forever.

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an interpretation of Luke 1:46-55