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## CD Poem

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# ויאמר אלהים

*Christian Dollar*

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
Before adjective, detail, or description?  
Spoke into being: "Be into being."  
For Whom and by Whom all

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
Chants of Sabaoth!  
"Fire—Earthquake—Whirlwind!"  
Dead Leviathan!  
The wind, the waters,  
the chaos—pacified.

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
Whispers of Lovers—given to  
Each-Other?  
Anselm's Trinity,  
Moans of Ecstasy!  
Conceived and birthed and wet.

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
Muttered under breath?  
The careful Inventor winding  
the clock,  
and writing instructions  
for those coming after.

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
Wish for the future?  
The hope for here-after  
A prayer now answered!  
No longer alone: now loved by another.

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
An unconscious groan—  
half thought of in a dream?  
Hurled out like a sneeze!  
The Breath of the Lord not  
returning empty.

What words were they,  
in the beginning?  
No cry did he make—  
Cracking and half mature—  
A hoarse parable—  
Seven Words—A Cry!  
The wail of a Child.