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## His Second Coming

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Floods raging,  
The laity uprooted,  
Waiting to be rescued,  
The crowned priest, as was his wont,  
Slept in his ceremonial attire,  
In the innermost bed-chamber,  
Of his massive hill-top palace,  
Its outer and inner gates  
Locked and guarded,  
Yet, in the middle of the night  
Had a bad dream-  
Water rose all around the hill,  
Dislodged the palace,  
Tumbling it into a deluge.  
Stricken with terror,  
He opened his eyes,  
And saw, standing by the bed,  
Jesus, brandishing an oar,  
His face severe,  
And eyes red with rage.