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## **Predation II**

Predators all in apostle's garb  
we spout blessings and gospels of freedom  
yet crouch in thickets  
of tainted righteousness  
to ambush love  
savage our neighbours' aspirations  
and suck the marrow from their dreams.

But we bloodthirsty saints have no saviour  
Jesus left the building long before Elvis  
died to save rock n' roll  
and make Graceland its holy place.  
But Jesus is trying for a comeback  
his calendar advanced  
by an urgent need to scourge and purge anew  
to protect the purity of his vision  
from the toxic mould  
Invading the empty tombs of our souls.

What we really need is a new god  
one who will grant the miracle we truly want--  
our names emblazoned  
on some phallic plinth  
leaving us each sole champion  
on an otherwise barren  
Field of triumph.