

# Godschild

Donning the mantle of godparent  
cannot be blamed on an accident  
it is both a gift and a choice  
in which the child has no voice.

If it is a decision lightly taken  
the deciders should awaken  
to the burden it imposes  
and the thorns of the roses.

An honor to the invited it might seem  
but think about what it means  
to the parents of that baby  
and how vital to them it may be.

For if this is to be your child  
it will not be for just a while  
but for a lifetime of growth and pains  
a multitude of joys and strains.

In a manner quite distinct  
you are asked to be linked  
to this person in the ups and downs  
to hear both tender and awful sounds.

And think of where you may wander  
in your journey out yonder  
how your beliefs might alter  
and your path might falter.

Wherever you go whatever you do  
know this person is joined to you  
through your good and bad brakes  
with all your missteps and mistakes.

And above all remember you are kin.  
You don't lose. You don't win.  
You are never never exiled  
from Love, for you are both God's child.

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