

Christ Unexpected

Lord, we expected you to be grand,
but you have come as a helpless infant.

We expected you at another time,
but you have come in the silence of the night.

We expected you to be dazzling, a king,
but you have come as a fragile man, like us.

We thought you would be different,
but you are humble.

Hardly anyone recognises you
just seeing you is not enough.

We have to believe that you are God,
like this, so human.

We had our own idea of you
and you have defied all our expectations.

Give us faith to believe in you
and recognise you
as you are
and as you have come to us.

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