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TASKS FOR WISE MEN

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Who's right? To Luke they were
out-of-town taxpayers without reservations.
To Matthew, locals who fled to Egypt,
then moved to Nazareth, far from palace politics.

Was the Star a conjunction of planets,
or perhaps a supernova? Who cares?
I'm off to market the emeralds of Oz
and patent the tough, elastic glass
of Cinderella's slipper.