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INVENTING SIN*

God sings to us
 We cannot read
She shouts
 We take cover
She shrugs
 and trains leave
 the tracks

Our schedules! we moan
Our loved ones

God is fed up

All the oceans She gave us
All the acres of steep seedful forests
And we did what
 Invented the Great Chain of Being
 and the chain saw
 Invented sin

God sees us now
 gorging ourselves and
 starving our neighbors
 starving ourselves and
 storing our grain
and She says

* First published in *CRIES OF THE SPIRIT* (Marilyn Sewell, ed., 1991).

I've had it

You cast your trash
upon the waters
It's rolling in

You stuck your fine fine finger
into the mystery of life
to find death
and you did

Learned how to end the world
in nothing flat

Now you come crying
to your mommy
 Send us a miracle
 Prove that you exist
Look at your hand, I say
Listen to your scared heart
Do you have to haul the tide in
sweeten the berries on the vine

I set you down
a *miracle among miracles*
You want more —
It's your turn
You show me

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