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such burning heat,
and then the cold, cold moon.

such a small accident
that eyes should raise and meet,
but how far it is
from small beginnings
to eternity's cold feet.

KENNETH L. BEAUDOIN

HOLIDAY

The golden penny prized
Coppered itself in blood,
In blood it was baptized,
And footed into mud.

In representative mangers
The red-eyed purchase-price,
Starred like bloodshot dangers
For a baby born in ice.

Winter it, O bit of gift,
Frank on incense-hay;
For the blaze in a beacon-burning rift
Is not quite night today
While the king's face printed into mud
Is a filled atonement-blood,
Else what it may.

And the golden penny paid
Bloodily was baptized
Where the fleshling treasure lay
In a timothy-toga guised.

Now do we sign the star
Shepherding peace away,
Leading its cloudland-car
Out of our holiday.

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