

No second coming

Jesus will not come again.
It's now been so damned long,
we've moralists and judges to
determine right from wrong.
Psychiatrists cast devils out.
'Stoned' means something new,
And Jesus knows, if He returned,
He'd have sod all to do.

He also knows if he were born
to a virgin girl today
she'd find herself in care at once
and Joseph locked away.
Besides, He can't be crucified;
the modern sort of saviour
gets half a year at most, and then
time off for good behaviour.

So celebrate this Christmastide,
drink up and toast the past,
and pray that that first shepherd-shock
will prove to be the last.
For think, which eastern kings might come
His glory to proclaim:
The Ayatollah, Al-Assad,
and yes, Saddam Hussein.

Happy Christmas 1996
From Ian