

If Parables Mean Nothing

If parables mean nothing
then we could go ahead,
and pass by; offering no room,
no medicine, no bed.

If Bible now means nothing,
tell Joseph to go home
and tell the pregnant Mary
she never should have come.

If all of it all means nothing
then we can close the door
on ancient ways of welcome
that we believed before,

and write to Abram and his wife
and tell them of the danger,
the foolishness, the silliness,
of welcoming the stranger;

and email Jesus right away
and, gently, tell him how
the hungry and the naked
just aren't our business now.

If what He said means nothing,
just throw away the Book,
for it has no authority
and we are off the hook.

But if the things He told us
still mean good news to you,
then open up your hearts, minds, arms -
for there is *loads* to do!



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