

## on holiday

Jesus sits at a poker table - nursing a cup of red wine  
cheerily nesting blue chips - stacking up the good times  
elevator boys stare at Franklin - inventing musical airs  
fingering his glass harmonica - dipping in moist Perrier

Jesus doodles in soft pencil - bubbles on paper appear  
below comes a face of Edison - pondering grand ideas  
graphite shapes a lightbulb - Tom's mind bursts in glee  
'Send it to the New Yorker' - laughs Jesus very pleased

Hot day is leaving Vegas - every thermostat unwinds  
dealers stand there proper - decked in black bow ties  
Ben is on a union break - a lift, a doll, a floor, a room  
Muzac soothes as absinthe - howling to a big full moon

Our dealer shuffles rapid - then pockets a random tip  
and watches as her players - toss in a fresh blue chip  
tokens landing wobble still - amid the green cloth field  
flying cards abruptly stop - a wrong is seen in the deal

Where's your ante, Christ? - snaps our lady in charge  
He's at the Patent Office in DC - Jesus says to Marge  
with a key to perpetual motion - given from off my shelf  
AC peeked before Xmas - the guy loves to help himself

What the devil made you do it? - Marge waves time out  
He never forgets my birthday - ships a nice case of stout  
and often includes a little note - twisting words into lines  
like 'Hockey frees from earth - Baseball frees from time'

What's with men and sports? - her mantra is well fed  
Fun & Games stick together - he chews a crust of bread  
and takes a sip of wine - the hush becomes far reaching  
'He who can, boys at play - He who can't, boys watching'

And what key went to AC? - Margie is back on the point  
The perpetual machine of oceans - he points to the point  
AC shines in the details - knows how to make bucks grow  
Jesus Christ! yells a player - just cut the yap and let's go!

Jesus chuckles once again - that cartoon napkin thinking  
sees he's a blue chip short - at Margo's game and greenery  
then instantly it's there - a blue gyroscope spinning magic  
the orb of oceans glistens - to orchestras humming electric.