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### "Herod"

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Herod the curious  
Herod the curious  
Herod the curious- was furious  
In his Citadel on the hill  
Herod the jealous one, dying without a son  
Bade his soldiers drink his fill

Herod the hideous  
Herod the hideous  
Herod the hideous- perfidious  
Lifted his demon voice evil and shrill  
Loudly commanded them, "Go then to Bethlehem  
All the newborn babes to kill"

And the jackals cackled "Chacka chaka chaka cha"  
To think of such a lie  
That the promised King of Israel was only born to die

But the rooster keeping vigil in the first still light of  
morning  
Afar off saw a plume of dust and raised a din of  
warning in disgust:  
"A nightmare's coming true! An army is in view!  
King Herod does pursue!"

Herod vainglorious  
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Herod vainglorious- victorious  
Lashed his horses in wild pursuit  
Closer and closer he came hate burning like a flame,  
Raised his spear in mock salute

And out to the desolation of the dawning desert waste  
They fled on a drowsy donkey  
In confusion, yawning even in their haste.

And the animals looked on  
As they faded in the dawn  
And suddenly were gone

"Which way to Egypt then?"

Which way to Egypt then?  
Which way to Egypt then?" Joseph asked the donkey  
lost in a storm of swirling sand

As from his chariot Herod Iscariot cast his eye across  
the land

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