## Apostates

May 16, 1920, Pope Benedict XV from the Throne of St. Peter promulgated the Bull of her canonization . . . "we declare that the blessed Joan of Arc is a saint and we inscribe her name in the list of the saints."

The comet is enthroned with the stars.

## **APOSTATES**

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They seem at times like driftwood cast Upon a surging sea;

Some quivering fledgelings in lush grass A dog spied in the lea.

Their lives a song—a poignant song Upon the strings of Time; Chaotic chords, discordant sounds— Sad overtones, supine.

Of faith and hope, no dawn for them, Grim shadows haunt their path; Until they swoon in ecstacy . . . Once smitten by His wrath.