

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Also see: Phil 1:20; Heb 3:6; 1 Pet 3:15; Rev 2:1; Eph 5:16; 2 Th 1:11; 2 Cor 2:14; Col 2:15; Heb 6:12; and Phil 4:13.

<sup>2</sup> See as well: Rom 7:14-24; 1 Cor 11:14; Col 3:21.

## SILENCE

His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit (Mt. 1.18)

She could see the pain and confusion in his eyes,  
She wanted to explain  
but there weren't any words  
and she hardly understood herself.  
She could no more explain  
than she could bring forth her baby.  
It would come  
when the time was ready  
but now  
she must believe  
that the Spirit only hurt  
to clean.

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