

## Roots to Branches

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Words get written.  
Words get twisted.  
Old meanings move in the drift of time.  
Lift the flickering torches.  
See gentle shadows change  
The features of the faces  
Cut in unmoving stone.  
Bad mouth on a prayer day,  
Hope no one's listening.  
Roots down in the wet clay,  
Branches glistening.

True disciples carrying that message  
To colour just a little  
With their personal touch.  
Home-spun fancy weavers  
And naked half-believers  
Crusades and creeds descend like  
Fiery flakes of snow.  
Bad mouth on a prayer day,  
Hope no one's listening.  
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In wet and windy priest-holes.  
Grand in vast cathedrals.  
High on lofty minarets  
Or in the temples of doom.  
I hope the old man's got his face on.  
He'd better be some quick change artist.  
Suffer little children  
To make their minds up soon.  
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