The Trumpet Child

Over the Rhine

The trumpet child will blow his horn Will blast the sky till it?s reborn With Gabriel?s power and Satchmo?s grace He will surprise the human race

The trumpet he will use to blow Is being fashioned out of fire The mouthpiece is a glowing coal The bell a burst of wild desire

The trumpet child will riff on love Thelonious notes from up above He?ll improvise a kingdom come Accompanied by a different drum

The trumpet child will banquet here Until the lost are truly found A thousand days, a thousand years Nobody knows for sure how long

The rich forget about their gold
The meek and mild are strangely bold
A lion lies beside a lamb
And licks a murderer?s outstretched hand

The trumpet child will lift a glass His bride now leaning in at last His final aim to fill with joy The earth that man all but destroyed