Born at the Right Time

Paul Simon

Down among the reeds and rushes A baby boy was found His eyes as clear as centuries His silky hair was brown

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Me and my buddies we are travelling people We like to go down to restaurant row Spend those Euro-dollars All the way from Washington to Tokyo I see them in the airport lounge Upon their mother's breast They follow me with open eyes Their uninvited guest

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Too many people on the bus from the airport Too many holes in the crust of the earth The planet groans Every time it registers another birth

But among the reeds and rushes A baby girl was found Her eyes as clear as centuries Her silky hair was brown

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