

SEEDS FOR GENERATION

A Poem

Written at the ITMS GENERAL MEETING

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The New Seeds have sprouted
 Several generations!
 It's a family reunion
 Down home
 But we've only just met
 Upon the invitation —
 "Join in the Cosmic Dance!"
 The Farmer from Nelson County invites:
 "Throw caution to the wind . . ."
 In Your Own Sweet Way
 Old Devil Moon
 A Child is Born to
 Walk Lightly
 On the earth
 Without leaving tracks.
 Only Merton and Friends of Jazz!
 Genesis!
 God walks in the garden
 In the co-o-ol
 Of the evening,
 For the love of it!
 But that's not all!
 The Sun Dances
 The Cow jumps over the Moon
 To the synergizing beat of the drums.



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Anyone for pilgrimage?
 To the Place of Epiphany!
 The street sign at 4th and Walnut reads:
 Fourth and Muhammad Ali Boulevard!
 Fr. Louie laughs and asks,
 "Who are those guys wearing t-shirts
 with my name on them?"

□ **Martha Bartholomew** lives at Siloam in Dundee, Illinois. She attended the First General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society in Louisville. She wrote: "As I have returned home from the ITMS event and come to looking over my notes, the almost poem flow beginning at the opening banquet . . . seems to encapsulate . . . the most excellent experience." Her short story, "Beyond Shadow and Disguise," will appear in a future issue of *The Merton Seasonal*.