

THE GARDEN

The Cherub and the Virgin Mary
The Buddha and the Garden Gnome
All the back yard statuary
Talked in Spring of how things grow

Buddha said "from compassion"
Mary said "the Lord above"
Gnome replied "it must be magic"
Cherub sighed "it must be love"

And it rained then, in the Garden
And they all stood round
And witnessed in stillness
And listened to that lovely sound

Then St. Francis in the corner
Spoke up at the gathering
"Peace", he said, "is most important
Peace for all the living things"

And the stars burned, and the earth turned
And the sun shone down
And they knew then, in the garden
Life was stirring in the warming ground

And St. Francis stood entranced as
Cherub watched, beguiled
Gnome's hands lay on his sharp spade
Mary gave thanks
And Buddha smiled