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For the Conscriptors... 1981

*When your hand
is raised,*

*Do not harken
for cries
of
"Abraham, Abraham,
well done —
you may stay the dagger . . ."*

*You men of
self-assuring righteousness
have brought your
innocent Isaacs
unbidden
to this barren altar . . .*

*Look not
for thundering voices
from the clouds
approving
your pillage
of the lambs . . .*

*For holocausts
like this
the Lord
does not
"provide."*

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After the End

*After the end
There are only a few left
To say the blessings and bury the dead.
There's a stink in the air
That always is there
After the end.*

*After the end
They all end up where they belong
We'll all go there before too long
Some with weak hearts, some with strong
A few in the right but most in the wrong.
After the end.*

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