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Benz: I Got Gold Earrings

I was born in a moving taxi

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under the drone of traffic and the light
of neon signs.
An old Everly Brothers' song had been playing
on the radio.
The voices of angels announcing the arrival of
the Messiah were transmitted
through the stratosphere.
The taxi—my manger.
The day's newsprint—my swaddling cloth.
My star was a stoplight.
The King of Jews was heard above the sounds of the city.
The city became quiet.
Rejoice.

Troy Robinson

I GOT GOLD EARRINGS

Before my grandmother died,
She gave everything away—
Everything that meant anything to her
Was ours to take.
Wne everything was gone,
Jewelry, clothes, pictures,
She sat alone in one of many new robes
And waited.

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