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AN INNOVATION TO GOD THE MOTHER

(To St. Julian of Norwich)

Bless us

God the holocaust mother
 God the harried housekeeping mother
 God the multi-tasking mother
 God the dogged and determined mother
 God the mother sleeping fitfully in boxcars
 God the roughed up mother
 God the mother of anorexic girls
 God the singed mother of furnaces
 God the mother subsisting on beans
 God the mother typing God knows
 God the poet mother
 God the engineer mother
 God the weeping mother
 God the fatigued mother
 God the wild and sequined mother
 God the sweet mother napping
 God the crosswise mother dancing
 God the resurrected mother singing opera
 God the Christly mother
 God the born again mother in the stable of suburbia
 God the Messiah mother
 God the long-awaited mother of messiahs
 God the mother saying Kaddish for her mother
 God the babbling, pellucid grandmother
 God the foreshortened mother
 God the motherless mother
 God the untamed hyena mother
 God the designing mother of looms and tapestries
 God the intertidal mother with anemones and starfish in her hair
 God the lioness mother in her pride

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