NO OTHER LOVE IS LIKE UNTO THE END OF THE HOME OF THE SPIRIT AND BE LOVE. OH, ME, OH, THAT JOBED, LOVER BELONGED! ABANDONED CARES HE LIUES.
Redwing Blackbird

There is a choir
In the church of the Earth,
Led by Brother Redwing
Who stands before us all
Singing glory to the sun.

Brother Redwing sings not
Of the devil or evil
But rather a song of celebration,
A song of joy of another day
Of life on Earth.

Like the old Baptist hymn
Called “Dwelling in Beulah Land”,
Brother Redwing is feasting
On the manna from a bountiful supply,
Manna from the wetland that provides
food, water, shelter and cover.
Brother Redwing sings also of stewardship,
Of the need for balance,
Of the quest for limits,
Of the need for all living things
To adopt an ethic of life,
A way for us all to live together.

At the benediction, Brother Redwing
Sings of peace, of harmony, of salvation
That will be yours
If you dip your head
To a wetland you helped preserve
And let the waters make you whole.
Through the mystery of this inner weakness is turned in the chaos and confusion, what our unconscious—what chemists termed primitive, gradually and revealing a honesty which our inquiry faced we
Black Vulture

The High Priest of Earth Church hops atop the raccoon
And begins recycling for he must act soon.
While feasting at roadside the priest talks to me
Of things that are needed to live sustainably.

“Thou shall not kill unless to consume,
And not burn carbon beyond your fair share;
Always leave behind a livable home,
And let equity reign between human and hare.
Let each be a partner of the natural world,
And seek to discover the least damaging way,
While saving on energy and matter and things,
And thinking of those who’ve not yet had their day.
Make societies equal near and far,
While waging peace rather than war.
Now take this message to lands afar
And on the road don’t get hit by a car”.

So sayeth the vulture from the Texas roadside
And from those ten commands you cannot hide.
And I smile as I see it hopping aside,
The priest has spoken, and all must abide.