
Pro Rege

Volume 28
Number 2 *Arts Issue* 1999

Article 3

December 1999

Bedeviled

Mike Vanden Bosch
Dordt College

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/pro_rege



Part of the [Creative Writing Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Vanden Bosch, Mike (1999) "Bedeviled," *Pro Rege*: Vol. 28: No. 2, 5.
Available at: https://digitalcollections.dordt.edu/pro_rege/vol28/iss2/3

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the University Publications at Dordt Digital Collections. It has been accepted for inclusion in Pro Rege by an authorized administrator of Dordt Digital Collections. For more information, please contact ingrid.mulder@dordt.edu.

Bedeviled

Mike Vanden Bosch

We never do hear Adam say to Eve,
“I’m sorry that I blamed you for my bite;
I would no doubt have bitten anyway.”
No, he poses pious, leaning upright.

Nor hear Eve say, “Adam, I’m sorry that
with an apple I tempted you to eat.
I and I alone deserve all the blame
for trying to add to bliss one more treat.”

Nor ever hear Cain say, “Dad and Mom,
I’m sorry I killed Abel. I did wrong.”
Two bad seeds become one flesh, not one saint.
Naturally he sings his parents’ song.

Then comes humble Abel who knows he owes
his humble homage to his maker God,
but Satan sows jealousy in Cain,
manures it till it bloodies all our sod.