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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.