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How odd to note  
on western calendars:  
April Fool's Day  
and Good Friday shared  
the same slot in '88.

Shocking co-existence:  
a holiday for fools  
and  
the cross-event of Christ.  
Why not move the date  
for whimsey  
and avoid such sacrilege?

Good Friday—  
is it really Good?  
Or have we,  
down deep  
thought of  
this day  
as Bad Friday?

Ancient Greeks called the left  
"well-named," thinking  
a good name would right  
the evils associated  
with that sinister side.

And the Hebrews, no less,  
used "bless" when  
"curse"  
was on their minds.

Such reversible coats  
do not long cover objects  
the tongue's loathe to name;  
their half-life is short.

And Bad Friday  
joins the Fool's Day.

The fools saw  
a purple-robed king  
carrying a cross  
(hah!)  
a Messiah exalted  
on a tree  
(hah! hah!)  
a Savior who could not save himself  
(hah! hah! hah!)

Bad Friday for him  
but good for fools.