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8 See inter alia Christianity and the Rights of Animals, ibid, p. 148.


10 For example, The Gospel of the Holy Twelve and The Essene Humane Gospel of Jesus, cited and discussed in Rosen, ibid.


13 I am grateful to Richard Bauckham for his recent lecture at Essex University on this theme and for bringing to my attention the significance of this verse. I understand that his work will shortly be published as Jesus and the Greening of Christianity.

14 St. Richard of Chichester, cited in Butler’s Lives of the Saints, also extract in Compassion for Animals: Readings and Prayers, ibid, p. 66.


Another Heaven and Another Earth

I would like you to know
That we were not all like that.
That some of us spent our lives
Working for Peace
Speaking for animals
Tending the Earth.
And that when you find
The mass graves
And the abattoirs
And the laboratories
Please understand
That we were not all like that.

Mary de La Valette