

# The Risk of Birth

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1. This is no time for a child to be born,  
 2. That was no time for a child to be born,  
 3. When is the time for love to be born?

With the earth be - trayed by war and hate  
 In a land in the crush - ing grip of Rome;  
 The inn is full on the plan - et earth,

And a com - et slash - ing the sky to warn  
 When hon - or and truth were tram - pled to scorn,  
 And by a com - et the sky is torn—

That time runs out and the sun burns late.  
 Yet here did the Sav - ior make his home.  
 Yet Love still takes the risk of birth.

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