

Growing up evangelical in the nineteen seventies

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*It only takes a spark to get a fire going.*

—Kurt Kaiser

Ye must be  
and I wast  
Born again.  
*Hier stehe moi.*

But childbirth,  
Either time,  
Can be a mess  
Of meconium:

Ever witness  
Jack Chick pen-  
And-ink a pope?  
I have and four

Decades out  
I still need  
The Third  
Person to be

A Mighty  
Sucking  
Vacuum  
For my lungs  
Until I can  
Breathe O.  
So sweet  
And pure

I want to sing,  
It's fresh like  
Spring, I want  
To pass it on.