

Miracle story

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*“God in God’s essence is totally unknowable.”*

—Ruth Burrows

St. Thomas More believed  
the tale told of the miraculous  
thorn of Rhodes which bloomed  
a fresh rose every Good Friday.

So what if it isn’t true?  
Everyone lives by a story.  
The important ones are,  
at heart, dark, mysterious.

Why not one of a selfless  
God who comes down to die  
for those who ignore God,  
use the Name as an expletive?

Every essential narrative holds  
an emptiness bigger than a tomb:  
a lingering how, a gaping doubt  
that perhaps it isn’t . . .

In the end, we live toward  
the incomprehensibility  
at the core of everything that  
eternally emits the attar of roses.