

Thanks for Asking
(For Kathy)

In Isaiah's Peaceable Kingdom
Natural enemies lope,
slither, hop, and crawl together
"And a little child shall lead them."

But you asked,
"Who will lead the child?
"Who will keep the vows made
to those wet-headed babies,
once the lacy gown's outgrown
And they need our counsel and our care?"

And you asked,
"Did you not know
it takes Crayolas and Play-Dough,
and a deep love of the old, old stories
to lead a child
to light the candles,
to carry the cross,
to start that journey
Led by a manger-born child?"

Thanks for asking
over and over
Until at last we hear
and finally answer.

Bobbie Sanden

