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If you haven't seen
 a lamb pitching forward
 on ten-minute-old legs using
 all its strength
 to wobble in the hay,
 making the heroic effort to live
 as its mother licks placenta
 off its jet-black wool,
 if you don't know what it is
 to hear a lamb's first feeble bleat,
 to watch its cousins hop in the air,
 springing off the ground
 for the sheer pleasure of discovering
 what their unworn bodies can do,
 then from what
 did you learn, dear reader,
 that life is worth living
 and worth living joyfully?

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Myles Lynn (Masters in Counseling 2025)

Oh, creatures, hear the trumpet sounds,
 He has brushed away the stone!
 The ancient Word, which took on flesh,
 His final breath, earth cracks and roars.
 The serpent's dance which came to pass,
 Now grace abounds in Adam's lack.
 Blessed burst through devil's score,
 Nailing God's death upon a tree,
 Is love, the world restored.