

## **The God\***

**--Tom Savage**

Guard God or God guard.  
Both ideas seem equally ridiculous  
If not obnoxious.  
Their hours never seem to arrive  
Except in the minds of the deluded  
Distribute their shadows how they may.  
Who remembers how they got started  
Probably in some dimly lit cave.  
Silent souls make about as much sense  
As no souls at all.  
This is neither suicide nor genocide.  
It's simply the truth,  
The first casualty when emotions poison thought.  
Grab it if it appears.  
If you can't,  
It's probably a hallucination.  
They become humiliations quickly.  
The dynamic of situations is often obscure.  
A piece of the action from silence  
May prove hard to find.  
Things and people go missing all the time.  
Mostly they turn up or down.  
One way or the other, any mother  
Knows that and can tell you  
In almost any dialect you wish to hear it in.  
Nobody has a happy ending, really.

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\*Written while watching The Guard by John Michael McDonagh