Adam formerly of Eden saw a snake while tilling the ground He was tempted to kill it, then, he saw it shed its skin All in one piece the snake left it behind, a perfect shape of its former self Adam picked up the new snake—bright and shiny The evil serpent had transformed into God's messenger It was silent, but Adam could hear it say: "Do as I do. Set your face like flint. Set your face to flint Until the slough breaks Don't run away from agitation, temptation--that itch Go through it. You'll come out new