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THE QUESTION....I

Am I a Peter or a Thomas?
Have I denied?
Have I doubted?
But there are two Peters
And I would rather be
The second one –
Strong,
Sure,
Proclaiming the Good News –
Jesus Saves!
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Oh, but to be a Thomas!
One of those chosen
To view
Our Lord and Master
When He reappeared.
To have him come
To
ME!

O Lord, I pray
Let me no longer doubt
Help me know the way.

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THE QUESTION....II

Am I a "silly" symbol?
As a preacher?
I feel that I am
An instrument of my Savior.

But am I merely looked
Upon as a symbol?
Expected
To be there,
To perform certain tasks
To ease
My congregation's
GUILT?