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Mary Magdalene

By Joey Scarfone

WHY I LIKE IT: *Poetry Editor HEZEKIAH writes... I just love Joseph Scarfone he is truly unique, inspired and original in his writing, "Jesus wore leather that night and Mary wore a mini skirt.....very very tight / they had come a long way from Nazareth to the bright lights of Rome" Anachronistic, anarchistic, meta-mischief. It gets even better; the pair hookup with a resurrected David Bowie, no less, "from the sistine chapel / to the big apple" The man's head is a maze-ing...if you found your way in, you'd never look for a way out. "Jesus was definitely out of control / he was getting too much power from his rock and roll" "David had left for Amsterdam, he could see the end was near / Jesus and Mary were close to his heart but they wouldn't last a year" Joey doesn't phone it in...he turns up unexpected, sophisticated, straight-shootin' street-smarts. A one-of-kind that beats a royal flush—more, more, more with encore...He makes for great Fleas reading.*

Jesus and Mary Magdalen {sic}

Jesus wore leather that night and Mary wore a mini skirt.....very very tight
they had come a long way from Nazareth to the bright lights of Rome
a long way from Babylon
a long way from home

David Bowie flew in from Japan

or so the papers said
he just couldn't miss a party like this
so he decided to come back from the dead

never shy of the spotlight, they really lit up the town
David, Jesus and Mary Magdalen really knew how to get around

they drew a crowd wherever they went and record sales were great
from the sistine chapel
to the big apple
the media just couldn't wait

one miracle followed the other but the politicians weren't impressed
Jesus in his leathers and Mary in her cute little dress

Jesus was definitely out of control
he was getting too much power from his rock and roll
his fans adored him while the clergy deplored him
what would they do with this soul

now Jesus and Mary Magdalen had to cover their tracks
their following grew and so did their crew
they needed security to watch over their backs

David had left for Amsterdam, he could see the end was near
Jesus and Mary were close to his heart but they wouldn't last a year

everyone wept for Jesus when they saw what was done to him
turning water into wine was just too big a sin

they should have stayed in Nazareth and simply settled down
but Jesus and Mary Magdalen wore a very thorny crown

THE POET SPEAKS: *I find it disturbing to see the atrocities that organized religions have committed. I think they deserve to be held accountable for their actions. This poem is my way of throwing darts at them. It may not change anything but then again....it might.*

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