Born at the Right Time

Paul Simon

Down among the reeds and rushes A baby boy was found His eyes as clear as centuries His silky hair was brown

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Never had to scuffle in fear
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And the whole world whispering
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Me and my buddies we are travelling people
We like to go down to restaurant row
Spend those Euro-dollars
All the way from Washington to Tokyo
I see them in the airport lounge
Upon their mother's breast
They follow me with open eyes
Their uninvited guest

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Too many people on the bus from the airport Too many holes in the crust of the earth The planet groans Every time it registers another birth

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