

Are You Running With Me Jesus?

"people are running . . ." *Parade Magazine*

Billy Graham wherever he is,
George Romney every day
Senator Proxmire to the Capitol and home again.

Are you running with me Jesus,
Asks the Reverend Malcom Boyd?

May I ask the same?

I'm not watching my stride
With Billy Grahams by the Clyde.

I'm not going for distance
with the Senator's persistence.

I'm not trying to win a race
Even at George Romney's pace.

I'm an existential runner,
Indifferent to space.

I'm running here in place.

Wall to wall unending,
The treadmill carpet flows.

Baseboard to baseboard unchanging,
From the looms of Mohawk.

As I run against the clock,
Are you running with me Jesus,
Or not?

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