

SHOLOMO BONAFED

c. 1445 —

A MEDALLION FOR THE MEDIEVAL JEWISH POETS

HORSES LIKE LIGHTENING
STREAK THROUGH THE SEA: SHIPS
SAIL THROUGH THE MARKET'S STREETS;
A COTTON THREAD SHATTERS IRON AND WATER
BURNS LIKE WOOD FROM A TREE: FROM GOATS AND
LAMBS THE LEOPARDS FLEE: FOXES RACE PURSUING LIONS;
SO WONDER NOT AT A WORLD GONE WRONG AND NATURE'S COURSE
BETRAYING SEASONS: BELIEVE THIS WHEN YOU SEE THE CIRCLES OF
TWISTED LEADERS CRUSHING MEN: WHEN WISDOM'S LEFT FOR DEAD:
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