

Auden and Day

Beneath a craggy face
the bard's brain
 pulsed with a
 will to share.

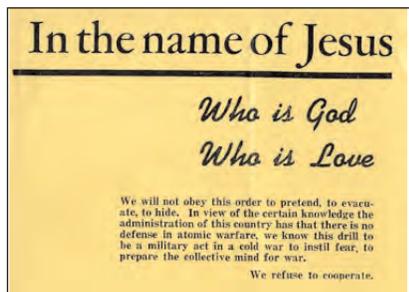
Into the NBC offices he strode
with his well-known fleshy nose, angling
very slightly to the left, and the thatch
of hair curving down over his right forehead
& a very wrinkled face, sensuous and also shylike
with the wrinkles in his eye corners framing
his determination

He wanted a check, on the nonce,
for his translation (with Chester Kallman)
of Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*
for NBC's Opera Theatre production
in honor of his bicentennial
(born 1.27.1756 in Austria)

The Flute was broadcast 1.15.56

So W. H. must have completed it
 in '55

The year Dorothy Day was arrested
on June 15 for refusing to take shelter
as required by law, during a nationwide
Civil Defense drill
to prepare the masses for nuclear war



—a flyer handed out by Day
& her associates from the Catholic Worker
June 15, 1955 at City Hall Park

