

THE OLD BLACK SISTER'S NEEDLE WORK DRAWINGS

a wheel in the middle of the wheel
jesus as a reddish wheel

drawings of children in a park
children spreading like branches
out of flowers

thread children banging shoes
boards for tambourines

one of a blind woman
touching a vase
feeling sun on her shoulders

smiling people at
an aunt's dogs and flowers the
mule drawn wagon going to the grave

stitched in red thread the
blues and yellow

all earth colors the blood
a blood sun out

of a hole in the
middle of the air

FEEDERS

within a week
you'll have regulars

TUESDAY

the word gets

no cat in the windy

birds that might
go away

no moon

decide not to

isn't it about time
for the days to not
keep getting dark so

so don't get them
used to having

something then
pull out leave

town like
you know who

-- Lyn Lifshin

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