

The Day Peace Came to Earth

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War! Oppression! Heavy taxes!
Hate is all we see!
When will God keep His promise
and arrive to set us free?
How long will He abandon us?
Why has he turned away?
Why must salvation always be
a dream for distant day?
Then lo! From heaven God descended,
answering our prayers.
He took on flesh to dwell with us;
our nature now He shares.
But while the shepherds hailed His birth
and magi journeyed far,
King Herod plotted death for Him
once he beheld His star.
And others were so anxious
to fulfill the day's demand
they could not see the wondrous sign
that God was now at hand.
And even when they saw in Christ
the dead raised, lepers cured,
They still refused to follow Him
or praise Him as their Lord.
Instead, they sentenced Him to die,
condemned Him publicly.
The One who came to save them
they nailed firmly to a tree.
The true King of the Universe
wore a crown of thorns, not gold.
His throne was not of regal wood
but a rough cross, stark and cold.
His purple robe, a mockery,
His scepter, painful nails.
His drink, not wine but vinegar,
His back was torn by flails.
We wonder how this happened;
"How could they be so blind?"
Because, you see, God did not work
the way they had in mind.

They longed for one with mighty sword
to route their Roman foe.
They hungered not for holiness,
thus, peace they could not know.
They did not see what God would do
to save those who'd been wronged.
So in their blindness they destroyed
the Peace for which they'd longed.
And you and I, we often find them
guilty of great blame.
"Had we been there, we'd have followed Him;
we'd never do the same."
Yet see how often we fall prey
the same way as did they.
We make the same mistakes they did,
condemn Him every day.
Whene'er we think "God is not fair!
My prayer he does ignore."
We judge Him as unloving
and reject Him one time more.
We must not think that we know best
to what God should aspire.
Instead, we need to ask Him
what of me He does desire.
God's peace comes to us every day,
but it we seldom see
Because we have our own idea
of how we will be free.
We look for money, health, our rights,
an easy life to live.
But peace is found when pure of heart,
when love we freely give.
So if you seek true peace from God,
and know His heart's delight,
Ask God to make you holy
and all evil put to flight.
Embrace His call to holiness;
reject all he'd disdain.
For when our lives are free from sin,
within us peace will reign.