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Christmas | With Canadian Poet Emily Isaacson

We sang as city incarnadine burned,  
with its altruistic Catholic spire;  
we wept as Christ's face in ash was beauty,  
as against us the broken stone face turned. —Emily Isaacson

## Dear Friends,



*Being an athlete means pushing your body to the limit of your endurance. As a trained nutritionist I can attest to the sometimes grueling pace of life. This is why we need the holidays . . . they give us a breather and a reminder of a time when family and friends come first. I remember being discovered in my twenties by a producer, and as a young songwriter it gave me the leg-up I needed to get published by a music company. That title track ended up on Christian radio in 2001. Later in life I switched to writing more poetry than songs, and eventually published my first books. My writer's voice had to run its course first. What inspires the poetry? people have usually asked me. But then chocolate has always inspired me! Doesn't it inspire everyone? -- Emily Isaacson*

## Emily Isaacson's Poetry



### The Lost Church by Emily Isaacson

Where have you gone, my little flock of sheep;  
have you dispersed over the Vosges's pass?  
Have you strayed to another river's glass?  
Have you fallen down a gully so steep?  
Where is the sacrament that with you keeps  
you from death's harm, and with your greenest grass:  
a pastureland of Liseron des Champs,  
the pleasant place where White Asphodel steeps.  
I wish you had waited for your shepherd,  
I, standing in the ruins of the lost,  
did not see you go, nor will you to leave.  
The procession for my missing, a dirge,  
I singing, naive of the wind's frost  
on the autumn backdrop of burnished leaves.

Emily Isaacson's new project is penning Italian Sonnets about the Notre Dame Cathedral. Called *From the Ashes* . . . you can read them on her blog: [www.isaacsonsonnets.blogspot.ca](http://www.isaacsonsonnets.blogspot.ca)

Author Emily Isaacson's websites have received almost 1.5 million visits. Her fifteen books are distributed by Ingram, and are available on order in any bookstore, as well as on Amazon, and in online bookstores. They are in the Regional Library System.

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