

Light Excelleth Darkness

Poems for the Bride

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Dedication

To the Bride,

Poems promoting worship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:12-13 (KJV) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (KJV) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18** And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty..

Romans 1:17 (KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

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Keeper of the Door

Nameless men, forever known, stood around the fire;
Watching flames that warmed their souls with perdition's own desire.

He came and stood beside them, his face in fire's light;
Anxious, drawn, and frightened, he stared into the night.

Hushed voices in the courtyard, void of truth or love;
Conspired without reason, it was time to kill the dove.

The keeper of the door moved in and touched him on the sleeve.
"This one belongs to him," she said, "look how the man is grieved."

"I know him not," he cursed to them, "Now leave me here alone.
I've only stopped to warm myself, for the cold is in my bones."

The night caved in around him, yet morning too was near;
He moved closer to the fire, but the cold was mostly fear.

A cock crowed in the distance, an eternal waking sound.
Satan laughed; the soldiers mocked; the prisoner turned around.

His eyes met the denier, whose soul he would set free;
His eyes saw beyond millennia, and saved a wretch like me.

End

Notes

Luke 22:54-62 (KJV) Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. **55** And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. **56** But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. **57** And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. **58** And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. **59** And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaeen. **60** And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the

cock crew. **61** And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. **62** And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

John 18:15-18 (KJV) And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. **16** But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. **17** Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. **18** And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.

Matthew 26:69-75 (KJV) Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. **70** But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. **71** And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. **72** And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. **73** And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. **74** Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. **75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

A Page from Pontius Pilate's Memoirs Confronting the Lamb

So, there you stand all black and blue, Seems the people grew tired of you.
They so hoped you to be the one; they saw in you God's kingdom come.

Anxious priests forbid them rest, their petition seeks thy death.
Scribes with pen and poisoned ink; Appears you took them to the brink.

They've sent a post to Rome, you know. Provoked dissent will only grow.
Of course, they need someone to blame; it's part of their self-righteous game.

Black robed priests' incessant scheming. My wife's afraid she's been dreaming.
So, King of kings, is this your glory? Why put me inside your story?

Tell me this you bloody man, why did John call you the Lamb?
Son of God? Is this true? What kind of Lamb is black and blue?

Speak up, I'll not be neglected; In Caesar's house I'm well respected.
I can see you're not impressed. It's not my fault I'm under stress.

Nothing more that I can say, I watch them lead their King away.
And I surrender to his fate; the world he loves is filled with hate.

So now we nail him to a tree. The great I AM who sets men free.
Where men refuse to understand, God declares Behold the Lamb.

My pride held firm until he came; now I'll never be the same.
Unless he's lying or quite insane, without his pardon I get blamed.

Religious crowd fraught with derision; I wash my hands without decision.
Truth has come and testified. My hands still wet; they never dried.

End

Notes

Exodus 3:14 (KJV) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Matthew 27:19-24 (KJV) When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. **20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. **21** The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. **22** Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. **23** And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. **24** When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

John 1:29 (KJV) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 18:33-40 (KJV) Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? **34** Jesus answered him, *Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?* **35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? **36** Jesus answered, *My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.* **37** Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, *Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.* **38** Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. **39** But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? **40** Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19:1-22 (KJV) Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. **2** And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, **3** And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. **4** Pilate

therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. **5** Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! **6** When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. **7** The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. **8** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; **9** And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? **11** Jesus answered, *Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.* **12** And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. **13** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. **14** And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! **15** But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. **16** Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. **17** And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: **18** Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. **19** And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS. **20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. **21** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. **22** Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Pontius Pilate Second Meeting- *Leviathan's Nightmare; Behold the Lamb*

Beware Herod's Leaven

Since Rome forces us together, let us make amends.
I'm glad we're finally speaking; men like us need friends.

You need not look so troubled. You did all you can do.
At least you got him talking, that's more than I could do.

I hear you tried to free him. You even washed your hands.
Ungrateful subjects fill this city. He ignored all my demands.

No matter what I asked him, he didn't say a thing.
Just insolent defiance, so I dressed him like a king.

The man's silence mocked me. Not a word was spoken.
He'll speak soon enough. By his death all men are broken.

Those miracles we heard he did, you know it's all a hoax.
If he truly has those powers, you know he'd have to boast.

Just a little water turned to wine, is that so great a task?
A small performance proves he's real, is that too much to ask?

Son of God! A disturbing claim. Who makes that conclusion?
These Jews are so dramatic; his whole life inflames delusion.

Jerusalem's tormented faith now overcome with fever.
Only fools embrace religion. We have no king but Caesar.

In three days, he'll be forgotten. No one knows his name.
Repent from blood that buys your soul; life is but a game.

Herod attempts to comfort Pontius Pilate crucifixion day. Pilate stood on the open terrace before the judgment hall. If Herod was right, nothing was lost but an innocent man's life. He remembered Jesus saying, "*Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:*" Pilate closed his eyes and saw Golgotha; his heart pounding as if bombs exploded arrhythmically inside his chest.

End

Notes

Mark 8:15 (KJV) And he charged them, saying, *Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.*

Luke 23:7-12 (KJV) And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. **8** And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. **9** Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. **10** And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. **11** And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. **12** And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

Isaiah 53:6-7 (KJV) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

John 18:33 (KJV) Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

John 19:7-8 (KJV) The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. **8** When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;

John 19:11 (KJV) Jesus answered, *Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.*

John 19:15 (KJV) But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

Matthew 27:24 (KJV) When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

John 19:9 (KJV) And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

Acts 20:28 (KJV) *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

1 Corinthians 6:20 (KJV) *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

Matthew 21:44 (KJV) *And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

The Prisoner Barabbas

Behind cold bars the prisoner waits, the law is broken, and demands his fate.
Barabbas groans inside his cell. He waits for death; he waits for hell.

All hope is gone the day has come; the verdict's final, his life is done.
Yet sovereign plan now interceding, urging sinners toward believing.

He hears the rattle of chains and keys. The door swings open; he's free to leave.
Why, cries Barabbas, my crimes are bold. Yes, says the warden, but your guilt is sold.

Who would purchase my awful state? My life is filled with greed and hate.
Who would love such a man as I? A guilty prisoner condemned to die.

The Warden points to a distant hill. That man on the cross, he paid your bill.
The one in the middle, nailed to the tree. He's the one that set you free.

End

Notes

Mark 15:6-7 (KJV) Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. **7** And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

Matthew 27:16-17 (KJV) And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. **17** Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

Matthew 27:26 (KJV) Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

My Saviour

In deepest night I dreamed a tale of awful scope and dread.
More dark than any dream yet dreamed upon my bed.

I saw myself did crush the thorns upon my Saviour's head;
Each soldier's face removed, my visage in their stead.

Devils all around us, the priests and I could see;
Laughing jeering, dancing as He approached the tree.

And when I held the nail against my Saviour's hand,
My dream became the universe; everything is planned.

Triumphantly I raised the cross and secured it in the ground;
I turned to glory with the crowd, but no one was around.

So, all alone I stare at Him, the one whose death is mine.
My guilt is flowing from his side through eternal sands of time.

Blood soaks my hands and stains my wretched face.
I kneel before the cross; my Saviour in my place.

He looks down, commands my gaze into words of all things true.
Forgive them, cries my Saviour, for they know not what they do.

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End

Notes

Romans 5:10 (KJV) *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

Luke 1:47 (KJV) *And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

Luke 23:34 (KJV) *Then said Jesus, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.** And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*

1 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) *Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*

Romans 6:6-7 (KJV) *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

The Weary's Rest

The prophet's words resound in truth, a virgin has conceived;
God gives to man his only Son, who among us will believe?

Hay and straw make Mary's bed; there she must give birth.
Travail endured away from town; no room for God on earth.

Shepherds watching in their fields, alarmed by angels' call,
Run to see Emmanuel, born in a stable's stall.

Yea, humble shepherds, nothing more, custodians of lambs;
First to know the King of kings and proclaim his truth to man.

Angels peering round manger scene, curious and awed;
Great is the mystery of Godliness, fulfilling righteousness and law.

Mary holds the precious babe close beside her breast.
She wonders at the things she hears and holds the Weary's Rest.

God beholds a little child laughing, playing games;
He saw him with the angry mob, the same he came to save.

God beholds another child; he saw him as a man;
The one who'd drive the nails through Jesus' outstretched hands.

His eyes behold us here today, nothing hides from Light;
He knows who chooses darkness, and He knows who chooses life.

The prophet's words resound in truth, a virgin has conceived;
God gives to man his only Son, who among us will believe?

End

Notes:

Matthew 11:28 (KJV) *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

Isaiah 28:12 *To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.*

Jeremiah 31:25 *For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.*

Luke 2:7-12 (KJV) *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

Matthew 1:23 *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

Joab's Letter

The greatest man he's ever known, orders him to hide the throne.
Royal letter doth commend a battle plan that murders men.

Desperate plans strengthen pride, while buried sin remains alive.
Man, whose moral strength decays, repents from mercy, grace delays.

Martyred deaths for cause unknown, but honor never dies alone.
Stolen waters know pleasant bread, bemoans his verdict to the dead.

Salutes his general a final time, Uriah departs for the battle line.
He exits through Joab's door. The timeless letter floats to floor.

End

Notes

2 Samuel 11:14-15 (KJV) *And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.*

2 Samuel 11:24-25 (KJV) *And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.*

Proverbs 9:17-18 (KJV) *Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. 18 But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.*

Weight of Glory

Christian ear I beg thy hearing to ease my dreadful burden.
Perhaps another debtor's view will open wide my curtain?

An awful torment haunts my living, a terror to behold.
If charity commends thee, then hear my tale need told.

Years ago, this journey started, my life seemed so complete.
My soul pristine and ever joyous, I sang among the wheat.

Yet down the path I heard the hum, faint- but easily ignored.
I turned away from this distraction, ambitious plans restored.

I barely touched the faithless world as I dined at Caesar's table.
Nothing more than business, just did what kept me stable.

But then the sound grew louder, incessant and profane.
Disrupting dreams and waking hours, I prayed it to restrain.

No dream nor vision do I see, but constant sounds I hear.
Prayer nor sleep dims the noise which perpetrates my fear.

I face myself without the lies, conscience needs to purge.
Then, rather like a memory, awareness doth emerge.

Growth is always measured by the grief of God one feels.
Righteousness cannot be feigned, nor virtue can one steal.

I hear the sound of spitting, of mocking, and disdain.
I hear the sound of holiness, I hear the sound of pain.

Murmurings from hidden mouths devoid of very breath.
Expressing moods of evil joy, like devils causing death.

Who they are or why they sing I fear to understand?
Suddenly a voice breaks forth- a trumpet in the band.

He said *I am the Son of God*. Thus, we demand the law.
He said we work iniquity; our righteousness is flawed.

Crucify him and we shall see if he saves us and himself.
There's nothing we can't do if God lives only on our shelf.

One voice within the awful noise sounds strangely out of rhyme.
Incongruous, but with the mob, a voice that sounds like mine.

My flesh though reckoned dead, with Holy Spirit clashes.
Wherefore I abhor *myself* and repent in dust and ashes.

Beholden to faith's constant war, which darkens my life story
Light afflictions bequeath to me an eternal weight of glory.

End

Chapter Notes

2 Corinthians 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

1 Timothy 1:15 *This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

Ps 19:12 *Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.*

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Isaiah 59:6 *Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.*

Matthew 27:30 *And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.*

Mark 15:13 *And they cried out again, Crucify him.*

Matthew 27:39-46 *And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, **40** And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. **41** Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, **42** He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we*

will believe him. **43** He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. **44** The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. **45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Luke 23:33-39 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. **34** Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. **35** And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. **36** And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, **37** And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself. **38** And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. **39** And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

Waves of Time

Time never began so long ago. No one ever knows how it will never end.
Time like an author writes us in, then tells us who, what, where, and when.

Only why remains unknown, wise men seek, but wisdom never answers,
Bequeathing anguished, restless faith in deference to their cancer.

Myth and legend collide with truth; when men embrace their fables.
Rejecting him who wrote them in; and him who serves their tables.

They swim toward a distant shore, but flesh gets old in water.
So deluded as they drown, Agamemnon kills their daughter.

Life in water declines through time, a waning river's glory.
Sinking flowing round rocks and dreams inscribes the writer's story.

Life moves fast, men lose track; while time doesn't move at all.
Time is an ocean, men must swim; so deep, no one learns to crawl.

Breathless waves descend to cease heaving ages on the beach.
No one lives who time can't reach. Nothing left but elusive peace.

Sands absorb the end of dreams; hope stains the ocean's shore.
Beholden to the fate of faith and kept forever more.

End

Chapter Notes

Job 38:10-11 *And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors, **11** And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?*

Ecclesiastes 11:10 (KJV) *Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.*

Isaiah 48:18 *O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:*

Psalms 65:7 *Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.*

Job 9:7-9 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and seaeth up the stars. **8**
Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. **9**
Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 (KJV) Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. **7**
Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Bottomless Pit

I dug a hole through the world and jumped in with all my might.
Falling, flying with thrilling speed till physics stopped my flight.

Suspended lonely in the dark, I float in faithless wonder.
I cannot see beyond myself. My heartbeat sounds like thunder.

I worked hard to dig this hole; my strength incurs God's wrath.
Helpless in this awful space, I should have done the math.

Is this the end of hope for me? I can't fall up or down.
If only I could feel the sides, perhaps I'd turn around?

But where is up and where is down in the center of the earth?
Such a glorious hole I dug myself, I wonder what it's worth?

End

Chapter Notes

Jonah 2:8 *They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.*

Revelation 20:3 *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

Leviathan's Nightmare

Behold The Lamb

Satan raged beneath the ice no dragon's breath could melt.
Forbidden access to the throne where once the cherub knelt.

Watching from imprisoned depths on shores of ancient flood.
Behold the Lamb as highest priest; the ark receives God's blood.

God's word holds fast a future's past preserved in holy power.
By law and grace the guilty cleared in heaven's finest hour.

Fearless courage abhors the Son, but hate can't change the story.
Light grows bright above glass ice, approaching King of Glory.

Beneath the deep so far away, waits Babylon's last throne.
Armies beg perdition's king, Leviathan's cast home.

End

Chapter Notes

1 Corinthians 2:8 (KJV) *Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

Job 38:30 (KJV) *The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.*

Hebrews 9:21-24 (KJV) *Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*

Psalms 24:6-10 (KJV) *This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD*

strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Isaiah 27:1 (KJV) *In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.*

Revelation 13:4-7 (KJV) *And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

Revelation 19:19 (KJV) *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

Wisdom's Cry

Vanity adores deception; while wisdom steps aside.
Wisdom never forces truth; she waits for broken pride.

Her cries ignored; whispers breathed on deafened ears.
Men sense her breath, regret her truth, deny their fears.

Only she can bring God's love to those so far from home.
Let understanding kindle truth, lest thou sleep alone.

Doth not wisdom cry, and understanding put forth her voice?
While strength and life remain, what becomes your choice?

End

Notes

Proverbs 8:1-Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 (KJV) Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? **12** And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

The Dance (Street ministry)

No end to all the people dancing in the road.
Everyone a living soul with a story to be told.
Where are they all going? Only God can tell.
I wonder what they know of heaven and of hell.

See those lonely people living life abused.
They waltz among imposters, who only want to use.
The watchers view a man who doesn't know his name.
That fellow on the TV cares only for his fame.

What happens to awareness when music gets too loud?
The game is almost over when heads breathe in the cloud.
Don't be silly says the serpent, no one here believes.
Pretending amends truth when no one wants to leave.

And so, the dance continues, faster every year.
No one seems to notice as the people disappear.
Where are they all going? Only God can tell.
I wonder what they know of heaven and of hell?

Notes

Job 21:11 (KJV) *They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.*

Exodus 32:19 (KJV) *And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.*

Prayer for virtue

Heaven holds a child's soul; where space and time collide.
Let virtue come to her from him, where those in him abide.
God's ways transcend thoughts construed in mortal minds.
We beg thee for thy virtue now, when thou are so inclined.
Our vision wholly fails to see; thy angels guard in place.
This we know and rest our hope in mercy and thy grace.

Luke 8:46 (KJV) *And Jesus said, **Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.***

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (KJV) *As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.*

Isaiah 55:9 (KJV) *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

2 Kings 6:17 (KJV) *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

Beginning's end

Is this the beginning of the end; or the end of the beginning?
It depends the gambler whispers, who you think is winning.

Where in time God sets the world is challenging to know.
The stars declare his glory; God's word reveals the show.

One day is as a thousand years, a thousand years one day.
A thoughtful, fateful contest, the game that all must play.

It took two days to get here, but alas the time arrives.
All that truly matters now- who makes it through alive.

Satan bows, allowed control, then releases future's past.
Go forth applauds iniquity; and perdition births at last.

End

Chapter Notes:

Ecclesiastes 9:12 (KJV) For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Psalms 19:1-2 (KJV) To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. **2** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

2 Peter 3:8 (KJV) But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Hosea 6:2 (KJV) After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (KJV) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Romans 9:28 (KJV) For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.