

And He Prayed
(Matthew 26:36-75)
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In the Garden of Gethsemane
Jesus came to pray
He Loved the cool and quiet
At the closing of the day

This time He left Disciples
Peter, James and John
To stay and watch the garden
While He prayed until the dawn

Jesus knew His hours were numbered
And it filled His heart with sorrow
For He knew His life on earth
Would be ended by the 'morrow

Jesus prayed, "Oh God my Father
Let this cup pass way from me"
And so earnest were His feelings
He shed sweat like blood, you see

"But if this cup can't pass away
Then thy will shall be done"
He trusted in the Lord above
For He was God's own son

Three times did Jesus go to pray
Three times the guards did sleep
They did not keep Him safe from harm
Did not their promise keep

"You may as well sleep on," He said
"The hour is now at hand"
And as they woke they heard the noise
Of Judas and his band

Then Judas rushed to Jesus feet
Betrayed Him with a kiss
This signal told the traitors of
The man they should not miss

And as they came to seize Him
Peter drew a sword
Cut off the ear of Malchus
Then Jesus spoke a word

"Put up the sword into its sheath
Obey now what I tell"
And He did touch the wounded ear
And it came back as well

Their Master alone with traitors
Was bound and led away
And just as He predicted
His disciples did betray

Jesus was tried before Caiaphas
And slapped in the face by the priest
When asked the hateful questions
They struck Him like a beast

While Caiaphas showed hate before Jesus
Who stood there bound and alone
Peter was out in the courtyard
Denying the Master he'd known

Three times he denied knowing Jesus
And just then a cock did crow
And Peter wept tears that were bitter
For Jesus had said it was so