What evil has he done?

To hang upon a tree for me

Who used the lips he did

Form to curse him loudly

On the morn that he was

Plodding with his cross

And with his thorns. I ask,

What evil has he done?

Lay the charge and lay it clear, surely justice dwelleth here. For beasts who steal the lives of babes are treated kindlier than he who gave new life to men asleep within their graves.

A murder? A thief? A liar? Nay! No slanderous indictment on him lay! For those

Who howl for his blood are moved by envy, ne’er by love.

What evil has he done?

To bear the rod of God for me

Who mingled blood with

Sacrifice and worshipped

The Baal of life spent

Bathing self with selfish vice.

What evil has he done?

To quaff the liquor

Of the wrath reserved

For those who mock

And laugh, chiding

Him and cruelly ask,

What evil has he done?

No witness to his tyranny

E’er came forth to

To make their plea,

Only debtors to his

Sympathy and stunning,

Calm gentility with

Choral voices raised ask we,

What evil has he done?

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