

## DRINK INDEED

*Jesus said...*

*He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*  
(John 6:56)

When our first parents sinned and God had to rescind  
Their lease on the Gem of the East;  
Since their sin was exposed He designed them some clothes  
From the skins of some innocent beasts.  
God extended the life of the man and his wife  
At the cost of the animals' blood;  
But their offspring rebelled till all hope was dispelled  
So He washed them away with the flood.

Then as Noah debarked from the door of the ark,  
And the animals scampered away;  
God told him their meat was for people to eat,  
But their blood was forbidden per se.  
And the Israelis saw from the Mosaic Law  
That the Lord surely meant what He said,  
When He stated afresh that the life of the flesh  
Was the blood that the sacrifice bled.

Now those beasts would resist when the priests would insist  
That the blood of their lives must be spilled;  
For they struggled to live so they didn't really give  
Us their lives when they had to be killed.  
And we know for a fact that the blood of beasts lacked  
What was needed to take away sin; Hebrews 10:4  
But the blood of a man is a substance that can,  
If He's perfectly holy within.

So the Son of God came and He lived without blame  
As the child of a virginal birth;  
And the Son of Man died so our need was supplied  
As His blood trickled down to the earth. 1 John 1:7  
And the Scriptures are plain that Christ did not complain  
When they led Him away to that place; Isaiah 53:7  
Where He gave up His life without malice or strife  
So our souls could be saved by His grace.

And the Lord Himself said that His flesh is the bread  
That sustains those who call on His name;  
And His blood is the drink of all sinners who sink  
To their knees and acknowledge their blame.  
So we feast on the Lord and our souls are restored  
As He leads us to loftier goals;  
And we taste of that drink with each thought that we think  
Of the blood that atoned for our souls.

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