

STEPHEN

(Acts chapters 6 & 7)

When Stephen gave his life to God, and shut the world out,
The Holy Spirit filled the void and made him more devout.
He proved that Jesus was the Christ with miracles galore,
Which made the enemies of God confront him more and more.

When they could not resist his words, they drug him off to court,
Inducing lying witnesses to frame a false report;
But He reminded them of what their heritage had been,
And how their treatment of the Lord had added to their sin.

And when they gnashed their teeth at him he looked beyond their hate,
And saw the Son of God arise to watch from heaven's gate.
They would not look upon the Lord, but plugged their prickling ears,
And drug him to the city gate, as in the former years.

They bludgeoned him with heavy stones and knocked him to his knees;
He pled forgiveness for their sin, but they despised his pleas.
He died a martyr for the Lord—the prototype for all,
Who sacrifice their lives to God in answer to His call.

Lord, help me be a sacrifice acceptable to You;
Become the Lord of all I have, and everything I do;
And lift my sight above my trials until my soul can see
That gaze of your approving eyes fixed tenderly on me.

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