

CHOOSING TO FOLLOW

Greek and Roman gods were fickle to devotion.
Buddha taught but never thought himself divine.
Muslim prophet's creed was fraught with bloody ocean.
Moses brought the Law but gave a future sign:

“Joshua will lead you to the Land of Promise,”
glimpsing it from Pisgah's mount before he died.
Yet, that leader's name's the same whom doubting Thomas
called “my God”—the risen King, the Crucified.

Might is right has raped this world with passion fervent.
“God is love” made Love creation's Volunteer.
That's why God took on our flesh to be a Servant.
His example makes the human pathway clear.

Christ has never wielded sword to birth believers.
Faith not freely chosen shows no faith at all.
Worldly wealth's reward is promised by deceivers.
Trial's self-denying trail is Heaven's call.

It's the Giver, not the gifts, we're meant to follow.
Fame and flash are falsehood's fever we must flee.
God will save us from the selfish lies we swallow,
if we rise when Jesus bids, “Come follow Me.”

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