

GOD CONDEMNED

The yet-unanswered whys and wherefores
Confronting Heaven's ways and therefore
May fan a doubter's flamed frustration
To sentence God by condemnation.

Hear grieving Job for justice crying,
Or Psalmists swear to cease from trying!
Such discontent of Earth with Heaven
Infects life's bread like bitter leaven.

But just compare how these two vary:
The footstool and the Sanctuary.
Let light divine from holy treasures
Reveal our willful, wayward measures!

Omniscient Wisdom's word stays golden,
As partial-knowledge boasts embolden!
The Maker's Mind needs no updating,
While human thoughts keep vacillating!

When justly weighed, contrasted soundly,
These differ even more profoundly:
Arraigned with misconstrued depiction,
God's banished by a sham conviction.

Immune to such blind, judging action,
Behold Almighty Love's reaction:
He listens to these complaints unshaken
Without one straying sheep forsaken. . . .

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