

## IMAGE AND LIKENESS

When God handcrafted humans and our anatomy,  
He made an awesome statement about our destiny.  
As body-spirit beings, we're fashioned in a way  
To incarnate His likeness and set it on display.  
He marked within our bodies, for all eternity,  
A holy Self-portrayal of Triune Deity.

The naked, social frankness within the Trinity  
Was mirrored by creating a nude humanity.  
Diversity in gender, by shape and role made known,  
Depicted separate Beings upon One Godhead's throne.  
And mankind's nuptial union, to yield new life from love,  
Proclaimed creation's birthing from Triune hearts above.

To bring two worlds together, God shaped our cosmic dust  
And breathed a spirit in us, then set our souls in trust  
To tend and rule creation, its wilderness to tame,  
To give it further beauty and order it by name,  
To represent His presence and all creation fill  
With male and female bodies embodying His will.

Though sin, by Satan's guidance, brought body shame and death,  
It did not curse the image that breathed our Maker's breath.  
For God, in grace and glory, put on the flesh He'd made,  
And by His naked dying our ransom price was paid.  
Then, by His resurrection He broke sin's deadly pride,  
Betrothing us forever to be His Church and Bride.

If you have any inkling of godly, holy fear,  
You'll never slight these bodies as "shells" or "useless gear."  
To trash His damaged image was not our Maker's will.  
He plans to shine His likeness throughout creation still,  
For now His Human Body indwells the Trinity.  
In ours we'll rise to join Him to reign eternally.

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