

## REDEMPTION

Slave in the marketplace,  
stripped to the skin,  
cringes as biddings begin.

One of the auctioneers  
points at her face,  
wheeling her round in disgrace.

Each filthy joke and jest  
augments her fears.  
Then two shouts startle her ears:

“Thirty coins silver!” “Sold!”  
Quickly she’s dressed,  
purchased by Jesus and blessed!

Safe in her King’s embrace,  
now she is bold:  
Bride among riches untold!

— *David L. Hatton, 4/7/2018*