

VENGEANCE

By vengeance is human depravity sealed,
Both quenching compassion and freezing the heart.
Its bitter cold flame is in anger revealed
From wounds darkly pierced by a devilish dart.

In planning the payback, we dream of the worst,
While demons keep fueling injustices done.
Revenge, once ignited by satanic thirst,
Must even the score, and then up it by one. . . .

But Christ from His Cross prays with wisdom divine:
“They acted in ignorance, Father, forgive.”
And God replies graciously, “Vengeance is mine
To fully repay, if they choose not to live.”

God’s passionate zeal is why hell is so hot:
His love for the truth scorches lovers of lies.
Though wronged, the avenger—a sinner—should not
Usurp Heaven’s role; he’ll get burned, if he tries.

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