

## JOHN REMEMBERS

Jesus said, 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?'.  
'We can', they answered.

Many a tortured night dragged through to day  
before the aching memory of our fault was healed.

How smoothly paved had seemed the way  
He trod; the public loved Him—He could vault  
into the throne of their regard, and thence,  
within a week, the Romans would be crushed  
like scorpions under heel. Our minds were dense:  
we should have known that God cannot be rushed.

'I have a cup to drink,' He said. 'Will you  
be able then to drink that wine with me?'  
A celebration toast! What did we do  
but blurt out stupidly our adolescent glee!

Not sparkling wine for Solomon's festival,  
nor even hemlock for brave Socrates,  
but bitter herbs; slow poison; wormwood; gall;  
a cup of vicious, lingering agonies:  
that was His cup.

It took a Roman cross  
to peel the blindness from our stubborn eyes.  
To drink with Him would be to suffer loss  
of all that we had fondly thought to prize.

My cup is not yet drained: more must be poured.  
My brother James drank his by Herod's sword.

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