

EASTER WONDERS!

By Mary Mayko 1987

These women were full of sorrows as their spices they did bring,
To the grave of Jesus on a cool morning early that day in Spring.
Just imagine the looks of amazement so apparent upon each face
At the empty tomb asking, "Where is Jesus? Tell us, where is the place?"

The angel asked, "Why seek the living at the tombs or among the dead?
He is alive! He is Risen! Go quickly now, the Good News to spread!"
They did as the angel commanded, racing through the streets to find the others,
Their excitement arose! Think of their joy in telling the sisters and brothers!

They entered the door with a loud shout! "He's not dead! He is alive!"
At first the men would not believe it, then John outran Peter, and was first to arrive!
As they entered the empty tomb they saw the grave clothes lying there,
They stopped and stared with awe at the face napkin folded neatly there!

It is true! He has Risen! So back to others they quickly ran,
Jesus had lived and died and rose again to complete God's Holy Plan!
But Mary lingered alone at the tomb, still wondering and began to cry,
When a Man appeared, she thought the gardener had come by!

She asked where they laid Him, but as He called out her name,
She knew it was Jesus, and to her His message came.
"Don't touch Me yet, for up to My Father I must go!
But tell my disciples and share I'm alive, so all will know!

Now later that evening as they talked behind the locked door,
To their amazement, Jesus suddenly appeared, and their joy did soar!
After awhile He told them to go forth! Then He breathed on them,
"Receive ye the Holy Spirit, and forgive men through Him!"

But good ole Thomas doubted, for he had not been present there.
"Unless I see Him myself, I just won't believe, I don't care!"
A few days later one by one they had gathered until all came
And behind locked doors, Jesus appeared and Thomas bowed in shame!

The Master said unto him, "Come! See here, My hands, My feet, My side!"
Thomas fell to his knees, "My LORD and my God!" He replied!
We sometimes scorn poor Thomas for all his doubt and his fear
But we ourselves often fail to believe, even though He's always near!

What an Easter Wonder! A blessing and joy for all of us today!
Though He died, He rose again, for in that grave He did not stay!
What a wonder! One day we will be free from all trouble and strife!
What a wonder! His Resurrection promises to give us Eternal Life!

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SPRING!

By Dan Price

SPRING! You are such a welcome sight!
You burst forth with life and might!
The deadness of winter cannot hold you,
For you bring forth your beauty so true!

In Spring life brings forth it's flowers,
Trees leafing, birds singing, yes, you show your active power!
As the warmth of the sun gives you strength,
Beauty comes out in immeasurable length!

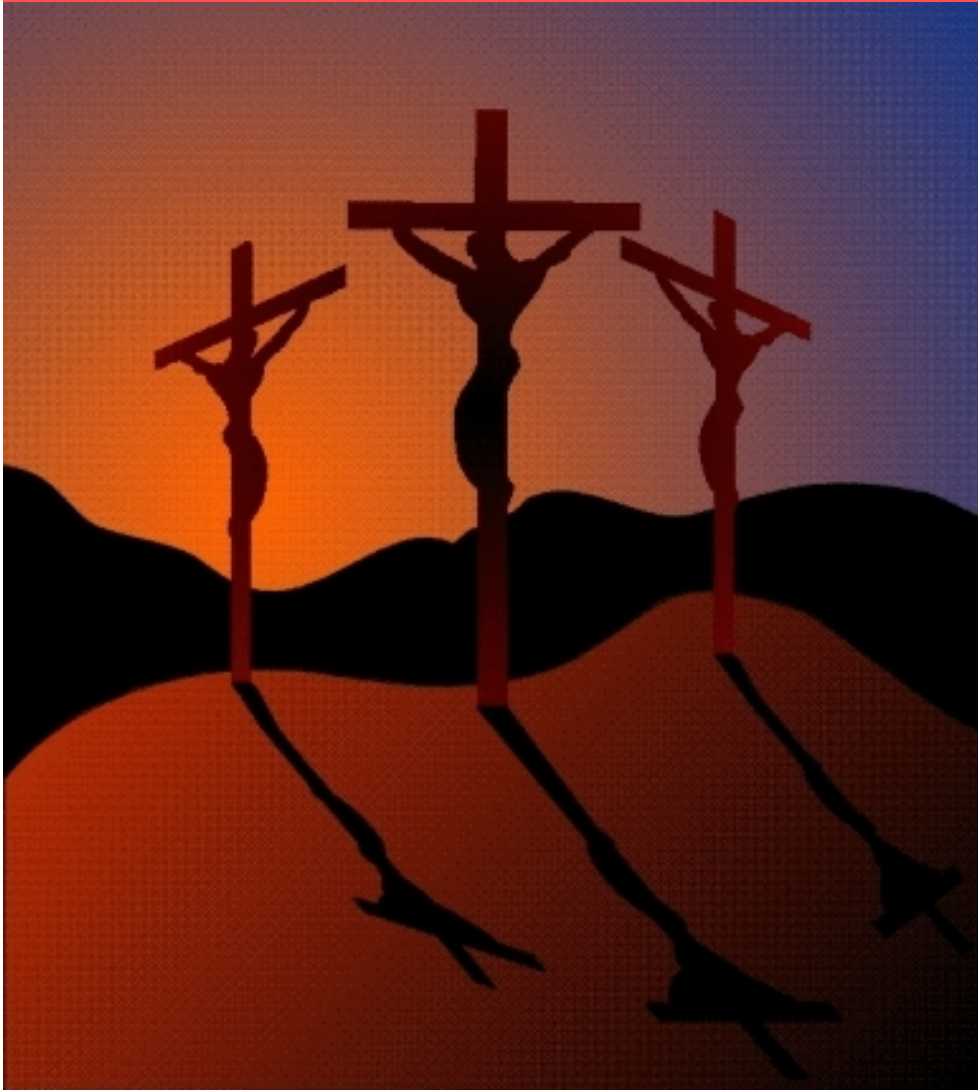
SPRING! You are a happy sight to see
As your rains beat upon the ground so merrily!
The birds are singing and making nests in the tree.
There just seems to be so much glee!

The drab of winter of everything around,
Now has new life that does abound!
SPRING! You have a living sound!
I 'm glad Winter's passed and now you are found!

Dan Price: Guest Poet

WATCHERS OF THE CROSS

By Mary Mayko 2001



**He could have refused the Cross and called his angels now,
To fight for Him, yet His Head and His Will He did bow!
It was for us He would suffer and die, the reason He came,
He would deliver us from all our sins and our shame!
As the angels were watching, they were ready! On alert!
They wondered why the Son of God should suffer such deep hurt!**

**Why would man reject this Savior, the Holy One?
How could they be so blind, didn't they see all He'd done?
The crowd was there with much mockery and jeering,
When just the week before, it was Jesus they were cheering!
"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Was their terrible cry!
As Jesus fell under the weight of the Cross when He passed by.**

**A man from the crowd was called and willingly came
To bear the Cross of Jesus and to share His shame.
But at the foot of the Cross, his life took a sudden turn,
As he watched this MAN die, how his heart did burn!
The soldiers laughed cruelly, as they each cast their lot.
Jesus' suffering was ignored, for Him they surely cared not!
They mocked and they scorned Him without a second thought!**

**Not knowing it was for our sins, our Salvation He bought!
The Chief Priests and Leaders shouted their taunts with glee!
"You can't even save yourself, how could you save me?"
When they killed Him, they thought they had finally won!
Not realizing they'd rejected their Messiah, the Holy One!
The women at the Cross were watching and weeping,
As the agony of His death was slowly creeping.
Why did he have to suffer such cruelty and strife?
Had He not set them free and given them new life?**

**The disciples stood dismayed, silently watching the cross!
From what they could see all their expectations were a loss!
They left all they had behind, and had given up everything,
For this Man they had thought would be their new King!**

**Two thieves were hanging beside Him on that tragic day.
One rejected Him in anger, as he couldn't get his own way!
While the other bowed his head and repented in shame,
Believing He *WAS* the Savior, and called upon His Name!**

**Other men, once "*secret Believers*" now became quite bold!
They asked for Jesus' body, just as the Scriptures foretold!
He had died in shame but this burial with honor they gave
As they laid Him with loving care in this Rich man's grave!**

**The angels were present at that tomb early Sunday morn,
To give comfort now to hearts that had been sad and torn.
"He's alive!" The angels' message was quite clear!
Soon, the women realized that Jesus was quite near!**

**So many different reactions of the watchers at the Cross!
Some gained Eternal Life, while others suffered Eternal loss!
People are no different today, they all react the same,
Some see their sins and repent, others scorn without shame!**

***The Message of the Cross will someday come to all,
“Reject or repent? How will you answer the master’s Call?
Will you harden your heart and just turn away?
Or accept His love and grace that flows from the Cross today?”***

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