

# Who Will Silence the Lord?

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Satan Before the Lord (Corrado Giaquinto, 1750)

‘The heavens declare the Glory of God’ –  
    And the devil hates the words they speak.  
‘The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof’ –  
    But the demons want it for themselves.

No generation is safe from the scheming  
    Of the evil ones to silence You,  
To expel You from Your own creation–  
    First by nailing You upon the Tree,

Then burying Your life-creating Cross  
And death-destroying grave underneath  
A temple of a heathen goddess.  
They cut out the tongues of your confessors,  
And break the icons bearing Your Precious Face.  
The relics of Your saints they burn,

The verdant surface of the earth they deface  
With the grey ugliness of cities  
That obscure Your beauty, and with machines  
That prod us on toward sin and death.

But the Lord, the Mighty Lord, will never  
Be vanquished! Crucify Him, and He  
Resurrects. Bury His Cross, and It appears  
In the sky. Remove a Christian's tongue,

And he will speak miraculously withal.  
Destroy the saints' relics and a sweet  
Fragrance, a pillar of fire, or an awful  
Storm will present themselves to the senses.

Though the earth and man be marred a thousand times  
In a thousand ways, they will be restored  
By His transforming power radiating  
From His Church—the angels' Liturgy,

The prayers and touch of holy women  
And holy men, regeneration  
In the waters of baptism, oneness  
With Christ, deification, by eating

Of the Flesh and Blood of His ascended Body.  
And one bright day this war will cease,  
Evil be swept away, the reign of God  
Will be with man on earth forever,

And the lustrous Light of His Countenance  
Will shine from within all created things.

Come, Lord Jesus. Hallelujah, amen!

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