

Invictus: The Sequel

As night began its' covering,
As blackness veiled my eyes,
Defiantly, I said to God,
"Unconquered, I still rise."ⁱ

Bludgeoned, sometimes bloodied,
I never cried or bowed.
"Your world will never humble me!"
This is what I vowed,

And dreamed of only void ahead,
So, death I did not fear,
But, now that it has come to pass,
I find I'm bowing here,ⁱⁱ

To the God of grace and love,
Of justice, mercy, might.
Now in my head and heart I know,ⁱⁱⁱ
The Bible, it was right.

For He, who sits on Heaven's throne,^{iv}
Who died for all my sin,^v
Created paradise for me,^{vi}
And sought to bring me in.^{vii}

And, He warned of punishment,
Which justice would require,^{viii}
If His offer of forgiveness,
Through death, it did expire.^{ix}

So, for me His tears are flowing^x
And running down the scroll,^{xi}
For foolishly, I chose this fate as
The captain of my soul.

ⁱ Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor. Proverbs 18:12

ⁱⁱ It is written: " `As surely as I live,' says the Lord, `every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' " So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14:11-12

ⁱⁱⁱ Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 1 Corinthians 13:12

^{iv} Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

^v For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 2 Peter 3:18

^{vi} Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

^{vii} The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

^{viii} For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

^{ix} Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, Hebrews 9:27

^x As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. Luke 19:41-42

^{xi} If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15