

As if You were not there,  
the skies ignite the thunder,  
rivers tear their banks asunder,  
thieves and nature storm and plunder:  
all beware,  
as if You were not there.

As if You were not there,  
famine and flood together  
usher death, disease, and terror;  
stricken mothers wonder whether  
God heeds prayer,  
as if You were not there.

As if You were not there,  
we televise the dying,  
watch the helpless victim crying,  
salve our consciences by sighing  
'Life's unfair!'  
As if You were not there.

As if You were not there,  
Your Son, when faith defied Him,  
faced the crowd which crucified Him,  
leaving friends who have denied Him  
in despair,  
as if You were not there.

Because He rose again  
and showed God's love is vaster  
than the ultimate disaster,  
we entreat now to master  
strife and pain,  
because He rose again.