



Voices Heard on the Way of the Cross

Station II.

Peter (and the Rest of Us) To Jesus Taking Up His Cross

*When I urged you
not to go up to Jerusalem,
you set your face like flint
and said to fall in line and follow.
Now it's come about
just as you said it would:*

*Behold the cross
waiting for you to bear it up,
so it can bear you up,
so you can bear me up
when, finally,
I fall in line and follow.*

Station IX.

A Roman Soldier Encounters Jesus

*If I were in his place,
I'd call it quits this time.
I'd make the soldiers*

*Now he's fitting his back
to the beam.
He's getting to his knees.*

*beat me to death
where fewer could see
and ridicule.*

*There's nothing ahead for him
except crucifixion.
What's that to live for?*

*But he's going to get up
and go on.
I can see it in his eyes.*

*What kind of man is this?
What gives him the will
to rise again?*

*Hold off your whips, men.
He doesn't need
our goading.*

Station XII. Crucifixion

*Jesus hangs high
between earth and sky,
waiting to die.*

*Some play games.
Some call him names.
Some stand by.*

Where am I?

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