

## AND THEN THE COCK CROWED

Recall with me  
A walk not through Gethsemane  
But near the courtyard gate  
Where Peter did wait

Wanting to be near  
Although wracked with great fear  
What would become of his Master  
Triumph? Or Disaster!

He'd stay; he said  
Though all others had fled  
He swore this that night  
And even prepared to fight

Though others reject Him  
He drew sword to protect Him  
For he swore from the heart  
He would never depart!

As all stand round  
Peter's disguise is now found  
The servants seen through!  
What should he do?!

I've seen you, but when?  
I know; you're one of His men!  
Peter says, "You must be mistaken"  
For fear of being taken

Three times this is said  
Adding oath and curse instead  
Of revealing his love  
For God's Son from above

At the very last word  
The most heart wrenching sound is heard  
One heard so often before  
But now it means so much more

The sound of that bird  
Brought to mind Jesus' word  
And Peter stood broken  
By the words he has spoken

He'd made a promise that day  
He'd never turn away  
But because of fear and dread  
He's denied Him instead

My heart's word I've not kept  
Says Peter as he wept  
Your face again I'll not see!  
How You must hate me!

Even if You rise again  
You'll not want me with such sin!  
I've lost You this day  
Because of what I did say

I know Peter's pain  
For I've oft' felt the same  
I too have said with my heart  
From You I'll never depart

I give You my word  
But like Peter heard that bird  
I open my eyes once again  
And am heartbroken because of my sin

But like Peter too, I've found  
Forgiveness; love secure and sound  
When from my sin I turn away  
And ask to start anew today

When the cock crowed the next time  
Did Peter remember the sin; or the forgiveness divine!