

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

Romans 5:1-11

“O Come let us sing to the Lord,
Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!” AMEN!

“Let’s go out for a drink.”

We’ve probably heard it said
Be careful of bars, you don’t want to wind up... dead

Still, going out for a drink can be a nice way
to get to know someone
To know if there might be a future union

Talking over a drink might be the trick
To finding a partner, a person with whom you, click

But a word of advice, if you go out for drinks
Ask a lot of questions, be curious
about the way the other person thinks

For there’s a lot to learn when you listen
And to know how to stay, even in confusion
About what brought you there that day

Once a woman went to the well for a drink
Was it thirst for water or her duty... we don’t know
But there she was with bucket in tow

A man was there at the well

Typical, she thought, he spoke first...
asking to get his fill

Before she could quench her own thirst

As her bucket was poised, he said,

“Let me drink of your water,”
Like he had some secret not voiced

After all, wells are an important place
Not just for water and rest

But for two people to meet... to have a drink
surely they knew...

A wedding might be next, what to do?

Rachel met Jacob there
Isaac and Rebecca met for a drink

But this woman at the well was wedding weary
Look here, I'm not trolling for another husband, “deary.”

And neither was Jesus, as you may have guessed
This encounter between two enemies
Standing there alone... by water... was not the wisest

The woman asked the man
Why was he talking to her, a Samaritan,
Tell me sir, what is your plan?

The dialogue from there is quite long
These two enemies talked and listened to the other
Are foreigners wrong?

She was bold, he was honest
I confess, she was nothing like Nicodemus

Coming at mid-day, her questions weren't tame
Her lot in life, rightly, deserved her no shame

No, these two weren't meant for marriage
God was doing something bigger, better
Than building a wedding carriage

It *was* a betrothal-type scene though
But for the Samaritans and God,

Jesus made sure they knew...
No human being is divinely flawed

The woman absorbed his word of inclusion and hope
God can be worshipped anywhere,
In valley... temple, or mountain slope

And even more than this... this Jesus
Knew her, knew everything about her
And he offered her the Living Water.

It is the same for you and for me
For every person, friend and enemy

Jesus confirmed her hope... became her star
She left to tell her home community
Ran off so excited she dropped her jar.

In Jesus, she found acceptance and inclusion

Come and see she invited and the whole city was delighted

So now there's a question from Jesus for us, too
What do we need to drop, let go of, release to follow you?

Going out for a drink might be the way
For Jesus to show up... again... today

We also come come thirsty with empty bucket in hand
Weary from the closed minded legislation in Florida-land

The segregation in the legislation is morally broke
Governors in Florida and Arkansas say
it's shameful to be "woke"

So we are reminded of Jesus and civil rights leaders
To overcome these policies of haters

School vouchers and school choice
takes dollars from public education
From the children but we hear their voice

Remaining together, words of the song
"we shall overcome" "we shall overcome"
The Living Water is available to everyone

So hear this with new ears...
God is with us... God is with us...
we'll keep fighting, with God with us
there's nothing to fear.

AMEN!

