

# Beyond the Reach

*The martyrdom of a nation befell this day  
Carried away in arms of vile depravity  
The wantonness of evil on sinful display  
An abhorrent and repulsive bloody foray  
As innocence fell prey to iniquity*

*The aftermath left nothing but somber silence  
And the putrid stench of death and carnality  
Love's progeny stolen in hateful malfeasance  
Giving no thought to sorrow much less repentance  
Nor the inconsolable loss of beauty*

*Merciless evil is beyond understanding  
As is all cruel disregard for humanity  
Broken shards and ash heaps leave the distraught pining  
Scraping the sores of shattered dreams which lie dying  
In the scarred repose of animosity*

*What price must be borne to bring freedom to the lost  
Held in the dark grip of sinful captivity  
It takes more than hatred to fuel a holocaust  
And more than weapons to pay the ultimate cost  
Freeing the enslaved from death and tyranny*

*Almighty God strengthen the resolve of the brave  
Selfless sacrifice pays the dearest penalty  
Though all die only Christ has the power to save  
Bearing the redeemed beyond the reach of the grave  
To live forever in eternal glory*

I will love thee O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies.

Psalm 18: 1-3

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