

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