Jesus and the Canaanite Woman
(Final stanza by John Oxenham)

She was not of his kin nor kind,
Yet came to him for grace.
He gave her quite a silent stare,
With doubt upon his face.

The disciples came and said to him
"Please send her far away.
She's loud, annoying, bothersome
Throughout the whole long day."

She came and knelt before him; then
With whispers, more she pled.
But he replied, "It's just not fair
That dogs eat children's bread."

And then right back at him she said
"You're right; no doubt on that.
But even dogs get crumbs that fall
From where their masters sat."

Then Jesus looked at her and said,
"God's love is yours today.
Your faith, my sister, shows to me
God's grace has come your way."

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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