

I See the Crowd In Pilate's Hall

1 I see the crowd in Pilate's hall;
 Their furious cries I hear;
 Their shouts of "Crucify!" appall,
 Their curses fill my ear.
 And of that shouting multitude
 I feel that I am one,
 And in that din of voices rude
 I recognize my own.

2 I see the scourgers rend the flesh
 Of God's belovèd Son;
 And as they smite I feel afresh
 That I of them am one.
 Around the cross the throng I see
 That mock the Sufferer's groan,
 Yet still my voice it seems to be,
 As if I mocked alone.

3 'Twas my sins shed the sacred blood,
 That nailed Him to the tree;
 I crucified the Christ of God,
 I joined the mockery.
 Yet not the less that blood avails
 To cleanse me from my sins,
 And not the less that cross prevails
 To give me peace within.

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