

Then turning to his attendant,  
In measured speech and low,  
He bespoke his heart's reflections  
On the events of long ago:

“Alexander, myself and Caesar  
Have lands and kingdoms won;  
But Jesus, the Christ, by the power of Love  
Has all of us outdone.

“Without armament or battleship,  
Without battery or gun,  
This lonely peasant Prince of Peace  
Has greater glories won  
Than all earth's greatest soldiers  
Within range of human ken,  
For the power of Love more potent is  
Than ten million *armed* men.”

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### **The Rights of Man**

Socrates drinking the hemlock,  
Savonarola on a funeral pyre,  
Saint Paul in a Mamartine dungeon,  
And Huss consigned to the fire,  
All heeding the call of Conscience,  
Selfless, sacrificial and brave,  
Inspired by some Hope Immortal,  
Their lives for humanity gave.

Few know the soul of a martyr  
Branded by Ignominy;  
Few knew the hearts of the heroes  
Who died to make men free.  
But the greatest heroes of a nation