

## **Outside the Walls**

*Isaiah 27:2-9*

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When God's fierce breath swept clean the ancient hill,  
some stalks uprooting (others laid to waste),  
he sent them east before the spear with haste  
to purify the land - its rest fulfill.

By this, He said, He makes their guilt to spill  
away, and works atonement, rot replaced  
with grace-filled fruit, a new and pleasant taste;  
He stoops Himself to cultivate and till.

But how was God yet right to do so? Sin  
returns alive on Judgment Day! Can they  
escape their sentence, merely exile-purged?  
Another, turned outside the walls (within  
yet stood that ancient hill), a darker day  
endured: put sin to death as hell converged.