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## Hell's Gate

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Now good Christians young and old, oh give ear unto my solo  
These few lines I will unfold oh come listen unto me  
It's in tears ye should lament what a sinful life you spent  
Now it's time for to repent and think on eternity.

Now good Christians well ye know oh our poor souls they are exposed on  
In every sinful motion by which we take the life  
What; cursing and blaspheming, cheating and bewailing  
And injuring your neighbours both morning noon, and night.

O the Holy Sabbath Day, it Was God himself who made it  
With pious words and prayer that Sabbath Day should keep  
Join in the congregation with pious expectation  
The holy allegation the Mass we should attend.

But instead of Mass on Sunday, you spend your time till Monday  
Drinking and plundering on our poor families  
The sin that we violated, promise allegation  
Has brought a destination unto our country,

But hell's gates they will be opened with fire and serpents roaring  
And burning flames of brimstone for to increase the flame  
Oh your sinful soul shall mourn once in hell there's no return  
And you will weep and mourn bound down in fiery chains.

Now they pierced the hands and feet oh of our redeemer sweet one  
On the cross of thirty feet they nailed with all iron pins  
They crowned his head with thorns they treated him with scorn  
All this our great redeemer did suffer for our sins,

So, good christians all prepare for the time is drawing nearer  
When judgment on Mount Calvary you all have to attend  
On the right hand there stands Satan; on the left your guardian angel  
Before the throne of Mankind you all have to attend.

For your sins you can't deny them it's useless for to try then  
For they are pinned in black and white all on our foreheads bare  
So prepare now for confession say penance and contrition  
And God will grant you pardon on that last Judgment day.

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