

Shall Atheists Dare Insult the Cross?

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Shall atheists dare insult the cross
Of our Redeemer, God?
Shall infidels reproach His laws,
Or trample on His blood?

What if He choose mysterious ways
To cleanse us from our faults?
May not the works of sovereign grace
Transcend our feeble thoughts?

What if His Gospel bids us fight
With flesh, and self, and sin,
The prize is most divinely bright
That we are called to win.

What if the foolish and the poor
His glorious grace partake,
This but confirms His truth the more,
For so the prophets spake.

Do some that own His sacred name
Indulge their souls in sin?
Jesus should never bear the blame,
His laws are pure and clean.

Then let our faith grow firm and strong,
Our lips profess His Word;
Nor blush nor fear to walk among
The men that love the Lord.