



## A BURIED TREASURE

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On a day quite dark and dreary causing mind and soul to weary,  
I sat beside the fire quite contented with myself.  
I entertained the thought of dozing and my eyes were ever closing  
focused vaguely on a bookcase and the books upon the shelf.

Yes, books of many volumes, forming multicolored columns,  
awed my imagination in the secrets they must hold.  
My aimless fingers wandered as through the books I pondered  
then, by chance, I found a volume that was ragged, torn and old.

I thought, best it be discarded, for the price of time had marred it  
and it bore a musty odor caused by ever-growing mold.  
But, I happened to discover 'neath the dust upon its cover  
the inscription 'Holy Bible' , letters etched in faded gold.

So, I probed amongst its pages with its history of the ages,  
at first with passing interest, then transformed to utter awe.  
The story of creation with its wealth of information  
to the sheer appreciation of God's wondrous, perfect law.

It told how shepherds trembled when 'Angelic' forms assembled  
to bring forth the joyous message of a wondrous 'Virgin' birth.  
Within sin-infested nations, there's a need of God's salvation  
so, our Lord, with love and mercy, placed His Son upon the earth.

It told how Peter thrice denied Him; in result, they crucified Him.  
Jesus murmured "It is Finished" with his last and dying breath.  
His body was imprisoned; three days later, He had risen  
and His mission, thus completed, even victory over death.

I then laid the book beside me; Analyzed the thoughts inside me  
and I marveled at the message that this great book had to tell.  
Within its beaten cover was a 'Treasure' to discover,  
rich in paradise eternal and escape from Satan's hell.

Now, I cannot help but wonder of this world so torn asunder  
in which greed will form a ladder by which man can raise himself.  
Man will go about his labor, cheating brother, friend & neighbor  
while, unopened, lies a Bible gathering dust upon a shelf.

I can draw but one conclusion  
why we're plagued with such confusion;  
my philosophy is simple, although some might think it odd;  
in man's constant search for pleasure,  
he's misplaced a priceless treasure--  
A guide for life and happiness, by the greatest author--God!

Would you like to give your life  
to Christ today? The beginning  
of abundant life begins when  
you accept Jesus Christ in your  
heart as Lord and savior.

*Romans:10:9:*

***That if thou shalt confess with thy  
mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt  
believe in thine heart that God hath  
raised him from the dead, thou shalt  
be saved.***

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