

Ray Boltz, The Hammer

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I was in the crowd
The day that Jesus died
And as He hung upon the cross
His mother cried
I saw the crown of thorns He wore
The stripes upon His back
The water and the blood ran out
And then the sky turned black
My mind was filled with anger
My heart was filled with shame
This man brought only healing
Who could bring Him pain
Why does it seem the strong
Always victimize the weak
And suddenly I found myself
Standing to my feet

CHORUS:

And I cried,
Who nailed Him there?
This child of peace and mercy
Who nailed Him there?
Come and face me like a man
Who nailed Him there?
And the crowd began to mock me
I cried, Oh my God,
I do not understand
Then I turned and saw the hammer
In my hand!

I am just a Roman soldier
An ordinary man
I love my wife and children
I do the best I can
How could I have killed Him?
It must be someone else
There's got to be an answer
I just can't blame myself

CHORUS

I nailed Him there
The child of peace and mercy
I nailed Him there
I am the guilty man
I nailed Him there
With my sins and my transgressions
I cried, Oh my God,
Now I understand
When I turned and saw the hammer...
In my hand!

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