## Crimson Thorn, Beaten Beyond

Beaten beyond recognition A mutilation extreme The sacrificial lamb prepared for slaughter God in the form of man, holy and supreme

Chief priest plot to kill based on blasphemy Innocent blood, betrayed and denied Case built on envy

Not a word spoken in defense Witnesses no longer needed Symbolic washing of the hands The crowds violent hatred feeded

Fulfillment of the prediction Acknowledgement counted among the wicked The onslaught of agony Despisement shown in a bloodied frenzy

Arrival of the execution Excruciating pain entwined with suffocation Testimony of humiliations punishing demands Pouring fourth the innocent blood of the Nazarene

Mourning over the body, awaiting anointing Darkness reveling, a sorrowful doom Lamented weeping concluded at the skull Covenant shed, forgiveness of sins