

LOVING THE UNLOVABLE

O Lord, there's one commandment that I cannot seem to keep...  
O why must you require of me that I should turn my cheek?

When there are those who hate me so, and truly without cause...  
Why must I always let them win, when they break all your laws?

My human nature wants to fight...To strike back in defense.  
Yet you require that I must love...Does that make any sense?

Yet I can picture Calvary...Injustice at its worst!  
I know you cried out...,"God forgive" those men who struck and cursed!

I don't know how you did it Lord, I'd sure have struck them down...  
How could you let them mock your name and wear that thorny crown?

Your love was greater than their hate...I need that Love today -  
For I don't have the strength to love and for my foes to pray!

If I'm to love my enemies...then you must take control...  
And drown my hatred in your Love and let it flood my soul!

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## CHOSEN TWICE

When God created everything - His masterpiece was Man -  
To Man He gave the earth to rule - That was God's loving plan!

And for this purpose Man was made - different from all creatures,  
He breathed in man His breath of Life - Man's great unique feature!

He made Man with a will to choose - To serve or disobey -  
God wanted friends - not mindless slaves - to walk with Him each day!

Yes, Man was chosen by the Lord - To be His loving friend,  
But foolish Man turned God away - He disobeyed and sinned!

Man gave God's gift of rulership to Satan on that day...  
The earth no longer in Man's charge - The Evil One holds sway!

But still God loves His chosen Man, and will not let him go...  
He's giving Men a second chance - His fellowship to know.

He sent His Son to buy them back - To snatch them from the grave -  
He's chosen Men for blessings - And He died their souls to save.

Man's chosen twice to know God's Love...Created! - Then redeemed!  
And all the blessings of God's grace from Cal'vry's Cross have streamed!

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