

THE CROWD AND THE CROSS

The crowd is good at shouting –
“Hosanna, blessed be the Lord!”
The crowd is good at doubting –
“Away with him and all his word” –
The shouting, doubting multitude!

The cross is good for wearing –
Upon a gleaming, golden chain;
The cross is good – forswearing
The splinters, nails, grief, and pain –
The wearing, swearing turpitude!

-- Edmund E. Wells

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