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They sent three guards to watch the tomb
Of Christ the Crucified;
And two were scoffers, but the third
Had pitied when He died:

Had marked that majesty of pain,—
That valiant agony:
And knew the wounded, bleeding form
Concealed divinity.

And two made mockery of his faith,
And jested at his awe,
Therefore they did not see the Christ
That he, believing, saw,

A radiant form, unscarred and fair,
With tender, brooding eyes,
That wakened in the kneeling guard
Winged dreams of Paradise.

And two, when reeling sense returned,
In trembling fled away.
The third hid rapture in his heart
That first glad Easter day.

—*Lucy Gertrude Clarkin.*