

Jesus is nailed to the cross

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One year Marie gave up TV for Lent.  
If Jesus Christ could bear His cross, then kite  
on it three hours so we'd repent,  
sacrifice in return was merely right.  
I swore off sweets, only to break my fast  
with thieved chocolate, watching *Lord of the Flies*,  
a film exposing my black soul. Aghast,  
I rushed to my sister's room for advice.  
She was asleep, my parents too. Spilling  
from the TV, English schoolboy savages  
marched the house, whetted for blood and killing.  
I screamed for Jesus. But His ravages  
snared Him, like a film, in cruel depiction—  
as if it were my own crucifixion.