

Vatican II periti: An acrostic

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*Hans Kung (1928-2021)*

History, I repeat, will save us, if we honestly search for  
Antidotes to restore our dying church. I'm spent.  
No more catechesis, kerygma or impassioned speech left.  
Straw? All straw? Maybe, but I refuse to accept the impending

Knell. Haven't I too run the good race? Kept the faith  
Under scathing scrutiny, escaped the ludicrous charges.  
Now I endure the dark leap across. *Eloi, eloi. Abba.* You  
Give me more time than I wanted. To study prayer. And pray.