

# *Saul Stood and Watched*

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Inspired by Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-60

Stephen: blasphemer, false Messiah, traitor  
Hauled to court for betrayal  
They heard his case, they condemned him  
While I stood and watched

He recounted Salvation History  
His love for Abraham, Moses, the People of God  
“Hypocrite,” I cried  
As I stood and watched.

He predicted his execution  
“And which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute?”  
My fathers? You - a prophet? Hah...  
I stood and watched

They dragged him out of town, their cries crushing his words -  
“Behold, I see the Heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God”  
I blocked my ears; I hated  
I stood and watched

They laid their garments at my feet  
Hands full of stones  
Ready to descend on this man  
I stood and watched

They hurled the stones full force  
Gazing upward, he knelt and prayed, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them...”  
He forgave  
I stood and watched

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,”  
And when he had said this he collapsed in his blood  
I consented his death  
I stood and watched.

And now, I still stand, yet I do not watch  
Scales have covered my eyes - I do not see.  
Yet, his face is still before me  
That day long gone, when I stood and watched.

How could I have consented?  
Blind to the truth of God's witness and word  
His face had shone - I could not deny that  
Yet I had stood and watched

Stephen - blasphemer? False Messiah? Traitor?  
Had he really seen Jesus the Christ, just as I did yesterday?  
He had told us so - that, from the Heavens  
Christ stood and watched.

Stephen had fought the good fight, and won the race  
In his weakness, he was made strong  
He had put on the armor of light  
While Christ stood and watched.

What will become of me?  
Will I follow Stephen - die a martyr's death?  
No matter what comes, I can be certain of one thing  
Christ will be there - he will always stand and watch.