

Thought for the day – Friday 13th August 2021

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This is the life

I first came across the work of Gordon Bailey when I was living in Stockport and I think he came from Stockport. He was a poet and also wrote and performed sketches on tv.

This is the life

This is the life which sin built;

this is the strife which ruins the life

which sin built;

this is the greed which caused the need;

this is the pride which, deep inside,

brought the greed which caused the need

within the life which sin built;

this is the wrong which all along

has made the pride, deep down inside,

which brought the greed which caused the need

within the life which sin built!

Here, as plain as plain can be,

stands a life for all to see;

the living hell which sin built!

But!!

Here's the life which Christ built;

faithful deeds which meet the needs,

loving care which cures despair;

true concern for hearts which yearn;

lasting peace which brings release
from the living hell which sin built!
Patchwork Quill Gordon Bailey

I would if I could but I can't

If only
I could help the
sick the
heartbroken, the
lonely, the
sorrowful, the
starving, the
homeless, the
handicapped, the
depressed,
and the
oppressed.

I would
if I could
but I can't!

I'm a shut-in myself.
I'm confined!

I'm confined by
greed
selfishness and
lethargy

Gordon Bailey Patchwork Quill

This is a different kind of lockdown

RESURRECTION?

They say they believe

that Jesus Christ

rose from death!

How come then

that they tell me who he *WAS*,

instead of

telling me

Who He *IS*?

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