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A sonnet by Don Carson on Matthew 27:45-46—

The darkness fought, compelled the sun to flee,  
And like a conquering army swiftly trod  
Across the land, blind fear this despot's rod.  
The noon-day dark illumined tyranny.  
Still worse, abandonment by Deity  
Brought black despair more deadly than the blood  
That ran off with his life. "My God, my God,"  
Cried Jesus, "why have you forsaken me?"  
The silence thundered. Heaven's quiet reigned  
Supreme, a shocking, deafening, haunting swell.  
Because from answering Jesus, God refrained,  
I shall not cry, as he, this cry from hell.  
The cry of desolation, black as night,  
Shines forth across the world as brilliant light.

D. A. Carson, *Holy Sonnets of the Twentieth Century* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books and Nottingham, UK: Crossway Books, 1994, out-of-print), 51.