

COME NEAR TO ME

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"Come near to me," Joseph had said -
(All his brothers were filled with dread.)
"You meant evil, but God meant it for good -
My pain has brought our world's livelihood!"

"Come unto me," was Jesus' request-
"All that labor and I'll give you rest!"
Like Joseph, Jesus had been betrayed -
(But neither of them was much dismayed)!

Joseph and Jesus, both had been sent
Commissioned by God with His intent
Of bringing Hope to all in need -
(Both had to suffer to succeed)!

Joseph was an Old Testament man -
A "type of Christ" - a near-perfect scan.
Through God-given wisdom Joseph had saved
His world by providing food that they craved!

Jesus, God's Son, was our sin Sacrifice-
For all mankind's sin He had paid Full-Price!
He died and then rose that all may receive
Full Pardon for sin if they'll just Believe!

Both Joseph and Jesus had completed
The God-given tasks that had been meted.
Each begged all those listening "To come near"
And partake God's Salvation without fear!

Joseph pleaded with his eleven brothers: "*Come near to me*, I pray
you " Genesis 45:4 from The King James Bible

Jesus invited the multitudes: "*Come unto Me*, all you that labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke ... and learn of
me ... " Matthew 11:28-30 from The King James Bible