

THE MAN SICK OF THE PALSY

Luke 5: 18-26

Jesus, friends, he's in our village, in the house just down the way,
Crowds have gathered there for healing, and to hear what he will say.
Quick, my friends, let's fetch our brother, for his palsy he can heal,
Off we ran with joy between us, glowing faith we did all feel.

Andrew in his bed was lying, when we entered through the door,
"Andrew, Jesus is here preaching, and he's healing more and more!"
"Let us take you there to see him, he's your only chance for health"
Four of us each took a corner, bending backs was friendship's wealth!

Soon arrived, our breaths were panting, but the crowd gave us no heed.
"Please", we cried, "make way for Andrew, can't you see his desperate need?"
But they too had need to reach him, feel the love that touched each one.
Nor could we still quite believe it: here was God's beloved Son!

Come, let's go upon the roof top, seems the thing we have to do.
There's some rope, now that's a blessing! we will lower him right through!
Carefully we took some tiles out, trusting this would be alright,
Then we made a cautious breakthrough, and the crowd all saw more light!!

Jesus looked up, stopped his preaching, gave our friend a helping hand,
Down we looked and felt a radiance of pure love with faith full-fanned.
"Man, thy sins are forgiven thee", spoke the Master clear and sure,
But the Pharisees were thinking, - this man speaks against the law!

Jesus answered them quite boldly: **"In your hearts what reason ye?
Whether it's easier to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee;
Or one could say Rise up and walk?"** And us four upon the roof
Looked down amazed at what went on: Jesus spake the Word of Truth.

"The Son of man hath power to forgive sins!" is what he said.
And turned to Andrew lying there, **"Arise, take up now thy bed!"**
Arise he did as we looked on, signs of palsy all had gone.
Oh his smile shall live forever, beamed at us more bright than sun!

We felt blessed to see fulfilment, man shown forth as whole and pure,
Sin and sickness were both banished by the Love of God so sure.
Sins forgiven same as healing, Love shows forth the way to heal.
Jesus you have shown Life's meaning. Only health and joy are real!

We now look back with gratitude, that we acted straightaway.
And we know the Christ is present, with us always, everyday.
Jesus gave his message to us, **"Heal the sick and raise the dead*."**
Let not palsied thought restrain us: come, get up, and do as said!

***Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.** Matt 10:8