

watched, they made the grave *as sure as they could* (Matt. xxvii), and the Devil who had hitherto wielded the "power of death" does not want to relinquish it. Heb. ii, 14. "Who shall roll us away the stone?" (Mark xvi), say the trembling followers of the One whom Satan seemed to hold so securely. Ah, none apprehended *who* He was, and that "*it was not possible that He should be holden*" of death! Acts ii, 24.

"He hell in hell laid low,  
Made sin, He sin o'er threw,  
Bowed to the grave, destroyed it so,  
And death by dying slew.

So the morning of the resurrection came, they who had been watching became as dead men, and there was an earthquake, and an angel descended (Matt. xxviii) and rolled away the great stone and *sat upon it* The gates of Gaza were upon the top of the hill! The Pharisees, chief priests, Herod and Pilate with Satan at their head were conquered, for the Lord was risen!

"By weakness and defeat  
He won the meed and crown,  
Trode all our foes beneath His feet  
By being trodden down."

The fearful women, the unbelieving disciples, who all their lifetime, through fear of death, had been in bondage were free now, for the devil's power was broken. "*God raised Him from the dead.*" Acts xiii, 30.