

Did the loving Lord seem, earnest prayer to deny?
 List!—a blind beggar sat by the side of the road,
 A crowd came surrounding the bless'd Son of God,
 The man, being blind, was unable to see,
 But he cried, "Son of David, have mercy on me."
 (The very same words that the woman employed
 When she prayed that the demon's dread power be destroyed.)
 And Jesus stood still at the poor beggars cry,
 Saying, "What shall I do for you, lo here am I?"
 As quick as he could to the Saviour he ran,
 "Lord give me my sight," cried the blind beggar man.
 "It is thine," answered Jesus, "faith maketh thee whole."
 And the beggar rejoiced from the depths of his soul.

Thus suppliants twain came and urged the same plea
 In the very same words, as you plainly may see,
 "Son of David, have mercy," loud shouted the two,
 The Canaanite woman, the blind beggared Jew.
 But the Canaanite seemed to have shouted in vain,
 He apparently heard all her cries with disdain,
 While the Jew in a moment obtained his request,
 As if, of the two, he was greatest and best,
 Which he was not—then what was the reason I pray,
 Why the Canaanite suffered so long a delay.
 'Twas because she was out of her place—had she come
 Like the heathen she was, she had soon found a home,
 But she came like a Jew which she should not have done,
 Calling loud on Messiah, great David's great Son.
 The man did the same, but the man was a Jew,
 And was right in so doing, a lesson for you
 And for me, gentle reader, whoever should dare
 To come before God in the state that we are.
 Are we sinners unsaved? then as such let us come,
 Feeling sure of a welcome, a welcome to home.
 Are we saints? let us come as saints, owning His name,
 And making His glory and honor our aim;
 We cannot deceive Him, nor should we desire
 E'er to do so, whose eyes are like bright flaming fire.

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