

Jesus, he did not know who he was, for he had never seen him before. But he had heard his voice and perhaps he knew that voice again. Jesus said to him, "Dost thou believe on the son of God?" The man answered, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe?" Then Jesus said, "Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee."—Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him.

I do not know what happened afterwards to that blind man, but I am sure he is happy now in heaven, for he believed on Jesus, the son of God.—Every body will be happy who believes in Jesus as this blind man did. If Jesus were to say to you, "Do you believe on the Son of God?" could you say, "Lord I believe?" If you believe in Jesus, then you love him, and you will try to please him. You will not say bad words, nor tell lies, nor steal, nor fight. Wicked people abused the blind man, because he said that Jesus was good; but Jesus himself came to comfort him. If wicked boys and girls laugh at you, because you wish to please God, do not mind what they say. Jesus hears them when they laugh at you, and he will make you happy.

You may read this history in the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St John.

Jesus, who lives above the sky,  
Come down to be a man and die;  
And in the Bible we may see  
How very good he used to be.

He went about and was so kind,  
To cure poor people who were blind;  
And many who were sick and lame,  
He pitied them, and did the same.

And more than that, he told them, too,  
The things which God would have them do;  
And was so gentle and so mild,  
He would have listen'd to a child.

But such a cruel death he died—  
He was hung up, and crucified!  
And those kind hands that did such good,  
They nail'd them to a cross of wood.

And so he died! And this is why  
He came to be a man and die,  
The Bible says he come from heaven,  
That we might have our sins forgiven.

He knew how wicked men had been,  
And knew that God must punish sin;  
So, out of pity, Jesus said  
He'd bear the punishment instead.

### How Paul and Peter Looked.

It is allowable to mention that general notion of the forms and features of the two apostles which has been handed down in tradition, and was represented by the early artists. St. Paul is set before us as having the strongly marked and prominent features of a Jew, yet not without some of the finer lines indicative of Greek thoughts. His stature was diminutive, and his body disfigured by some lameness or distortion, which may have provoked the contemptuous expression of his enemies. His beard was long and thin, His head was bald. The characteristics of his face were a transparent complexion, which visibly betrayed the quick changes of his feelings; a bright grey eye, under thickly overhanging united eyebrows; a cheerful and winning expression of countenance, which invited the approach and inspired the confidence of strangers. It would be natural to infer, from his continued journey and manual labor, that he was possessed of great strength of constitution. But men of delicate health have often gone through the greatest exertions; and his own words, on more than one occasion, showed that he suffered much.

St. Peter is represented to us as a man of larger and stronger form, as his character was harsher and more abrupt. The quick impulses of his soul revealed themselves in the flashes of a dark eye. The complexion of his face was full and sallow; and the short hair, which is described as entirely grey at the time of his death, curled black and thick round his temples and his chin, when the two apostles stood together at Antioch, twenty years before their martyrdom. Believing that these traditionary pictures have probably some foundation in truth we gladly take them as help to the imagination.