

THE BURDEN

"O God," I cried, "Why may I not forget?
These halt and hurt in life's hard battle
Throng me yet.
And I their keeper? Only I? To bear
This constant burden of their grief and care?
Why must I suffer for the others' sin?
Would God my eyes had never opened been!"

And the Thorn Crowned and Patient One
Replied, "They thronged me too, I too have seen."

"Thy other children go at will," I said,
Protesting still.
"They go unheeding. But these sick and sad
These blind and orphan, yea, and those that sin
Drag at my heart. For them I serve and groan.
Why is it? Let me rest, Lord. I have iried!"

He turned and looked at me: "But I have died."

"But, Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul!
This stress! This often fruitless toil
Thei souls to win!
They are not mine. I brought not forth this host
Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-tossed—
They are not mine."

He ooked at them—thi look of one divine;
He turned and looked at me. "But they are mine."

"Oh God" I said, "I understand at last.
Forgive! And henceforth I will bond slave be
To thy least, wiakest, vilest ones;
I would no more be free."

He smiled and said,
"It is to me."

—Lucy Rider Meyer

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Ken Raymond—"I feel like
punching the sergeant-major in the
nose again.

Ernie Shores—Again?
Kennie—Yes—I felt like it yes-
terday.

John Wallace—My wife says if I
don't give up drinking she'll leave
me.

Mr. B.—That's hard luck.
John W.—Yes, I'll certainly miss
her.

Betty Balch—"I am wearing my
old undies and saving my new ex-
pensive ones.

Lorna Marshall—What for? a
rainy day?

Betty Balch—No dearie, a windy
day.

Bill Hyatt—Do you know the
difference between a popular girl
and an unpopular one?

Geo. Martin—Yes and no.

Art Mitchell (to Tom K.)—What
did your wife say when you came
home intoxicated last night?

Tom K.—Nothing at all—I was
going to have those teeth pulled
out anyway.

SOLDIERS MUST BE
MADE POLITICALLY MINDED

About the middle of January, 1944,
Dr. Jury, gauleiter for the Lower Dan-
ube, delivered a lecture in which he
explained how necessary it was for
every good soldier to be politically
minded. He maintained that Ger-
many had lost the last world war be-
cause the Supreme Command of the
Army had forbidden soldiers to be-
long to any political party. An in-
evitable conclusion must be drawn
from this fact: The present-day sol-
dier must be politically educated. Dr.
Jury added, however, that the soldier
of today could only be a National
Socialist, for to have any other pol-
itical views would be high treason.

Helen Muir (to Gladys Davidson)
—What wartime occupation are
you pursuing?

Gladys D.—Well right now it's a
Flying Officer of the R.C.A.F.

Janet Ralph—(at dinner at the
Hotel London).

Waiter—"How would you like
your rice?

Janet R.—"Thrown at me—big
boy—Thrown at me.