

# The Birds

## Mississippi Mass Choir

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In a small town in Georgia, a man met a little boy with a cage of birds in his hand. He said, "Son, what you have there?" He said, "I have a cage full of wild birds." The man said, "well what are you gonna do with them," said, "oh, I'm just gonna take them and I'm gonna play with them, and I'm gonna tease them, and I'm gonna kill every one of them."

The man's heart was touched with compassion. He said, "What you take for them, son?"  
"Mister, they ain't no good."  
"I didn't ask you that. I asked you what would you take for them?"  
"Mister, they just a cage of wild birds."  
"What's your price, son?"  
And the little boy thought he'd make a killing.

He said, "Alright, mister. If you want them then the price is high. They're gonna cost you a dollar a piece."  
The man said, "You got a deal."

So he paid it and carried the birds on the outskirts of town on a little hill. And he opened the door to the cage and said, "Little birdies, I paid the price. You're free." But the birds had been in the cage so long, and the door was wide open. They wouldn't come out. So he took his hand and put it in the cage. And the birds would fly on his hand and he would bring them to safety. And he'd hold them up and say, "Little birdies, you're free because I paid the price."

Nearly 2000 years ago, Satan met Jesus. And Jesus asked Satan, "Satan, what do you have there?"  
Satan said, "I got a world full of sinners."  
"What you gonna do with them?"  
"Oh, I'm just gonna play with them, I'm gonna tease them, fill them full of the world, and I'm gonna kill every one of them."  
Jesus's heart was touched with love and compassion.  
"What you take for them, Satan?"

He said, "Oh, they ain't no good. You got a lot of liars, adulterers, people that's perverted, whose mongers are no good, I tell ya."  
"What's your price?"  
He said, "Alright. If you want them then the price is gonna be high. It's gonna take your sweat, it's gonna take your giving up your omnipresence. It's gonna take your very life."  
"You made a deal, Satan."

Nearly 2000 years ago, He took his cross on the outskirts of Jerusalem on a hill called Mount Calvary. He said to you and to me,  
"I paid the price. I was wounded in my head for your evil thoughts. Wounded in my hands for your evil touch. Wounded in my feet for your evil walk. Wounded in my side for that inordinate affection toward lust. Bled in my mouth for your evil talk."  
He said to you and to me, "I paid the price."

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