## The Hammer

## **Ray Boltz**

I was in the crowd

The day that Jesus died

And as He hung upon the cross

His mother criedI saw the crown of thorns He wore

The stripes upon His back

The water and the blood ran out

And then the sky turned blackMy mind was filled with anger

My heart was filled with shame

This man brought only healing

Who could bring Him painWhy does it seem the strong

Always victimize the weak?

And suddenly I found myself

Standing to my feetAnd I cried, "Who nailed Him there?

This Child of peace and mercy

Who nailed Him there?

Come and face me like a man

Who nailed Him there?"And the crowd began to mock me

I cried, "Oh my God, I do not understand"

Then I turned and saw the hammer

In my handI am just a Roman soldier

An ordinary man

I love my wife and children

I do the best I canHow could I have killed Him?

It must be someone else

There's got to be an answer

I just can't blame myselfAnd I cried, "Who nailed Him there?

This Child of peace and mercy

Who nailed Him there?

Come and face me like a man

Who nailed Him there?"And the crowd began to mock me

I cried, "Oh my God, I do not understand"

Then I turned and saw the hammer

In my handI nailed Him there

The child of peace and mercy

I nailed Him there

I am the guilty manI nailed Him there

With my sins and my transgressions

I cried, "Oh my God, now I understand

When I turned and saw the hammer in my hand"

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