

FROM “IMPRESSIONS ON PLATES OF GOLD”

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FIRST SISTER: No. But he is asked to kill, and to take.

INVESTIGATOR: It's the same thing.

FIRST SISTER: Not if God commands it.

SECOND SISTER:

I HAD MY OWN DOUBTS, WHEN FIRST I READ IT.
THE STORY SEEMED DREADFUL
A BOY ASKED TO KILL
FOR A SACRED RECORD.

SEEMED SO WRONG, SO UNLIKE A GOD
REQUIRING ACTIONS SO ODD.
TO ASK A BOY TO TAKE A SWORD — WHILE INNOCENT!
ALL ALONE THIS BOY SUFFERED THROUGH
THE PAIN OF WHAT HE MUST DO.
HE MUST FOLLOW GOD'S WILL
AND KILL, FOR A SACRED RECORD.

(MUSIC UNDERSCORE to dialog)

SECOND SISTER:

OR WAS THERE SOME OTHER WAY?
WHAT VOICE? WHAT CHOICE?
HIS PEOPLE COULD DWINDLE IF HE COULD NOT
KILL, FOR A SACRED RECORD!

(MUSIC UNDERSCORE to dialog)

SECOND SISTER:

ONCE THESE PAGES DID NOT MAKE SENSE.
STILL, I FELT SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
GOD GIVES LIFE, OUR LIVES ARE HIS —
NO QUESTION NOW!
ALL THE BATTLES! ALL OF THE DEATH!
THIS BOOK AFFIRMS THAT HE LIVES!
THROUGH HIS LIFE WE CAN FIND OUR LIFE
IN A SACRED RECORD.

FIRST SISTER:

IF GOD LOVES YOU, HE MUST LOVE
ALL HIS CHILDREN.
THE MYSTERY OF GOD IS, HE UNDERSTANDS!
IGNORANCE AND BLINDNESS ASIDE,
HIS GIFT TO US IS OUR FAITH.
THROUGH FAITH WE CAN FIND OUR LIVES.

BOTH SISTERS:

IN HIM OUR HOPE SURVIVES
AS OUR LIVES INTERTWINE,
ALL BLESSED BY A SACRED RECORD.