



“LIVING STONES”

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1 PETER 2: 4-5

***“AS YOU COME TO HIM, THE LIVING STONE----REJECTED BY MEN
BUT CHOSEN BY GOD AND PRECIOUS TO HIM---- YOU ALSO, LIKE
LIVING STONES, ARE BEING BUILT INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE TO
BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, OFFERING SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.”***



LIKE LIVING STONES

Along the shore by the water's edge---where gentle breezes blow
Wondrous miracles freely abound---with lessons for all to know
Nature's mosaic in earthen colors---like precious jewels to be found
Are ordinary stones, silky and smooth----that bead the sandy ground.

If kindly granted the gift of voice---they'd quickly pour forth in speech
Loudly recounting their perilous journey---replete with lessons to teach
Violently rocked by rushing waters---their razor sharp edges lost
Along with their points, piercing and rough---that exacted so great a cost.

Yet when examined, at journey's end---not one was found without flaw
Man's souls unveiled, just like the stones---the same truths one could draw
Go where you will, ransack the earth---thoroughly comb every village and town
Never will you find a man without sin---not a name in the mix to write down.

For such as these our Lord endured the cross--- the imperfect like you and me
Through His bleeding wounds and abiding love---from ourselves we are set free
'Tis the world's base things, God hath chosen---the grossest of sinners to behold
Totally transformed in His brook of grace---then worthless dross becomes gold.