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Harvey Kurzfield is a primary school teacher. He retired in 2002 on ill-health grounds but now manages some supply teaching. He has been writing stories and poems for many years, a small percentage of which have been published. He writes, 'working in Truro Cathedral over several weeks in 2006 has been inspirational as well as creative'. As a result, the poems he created were very satisfying.

THE CATHEDRAL GUEST HOUSE

Roll up, Roll Up and come inside
All comers welcome,
None turned aside.

No mortal soul is turned away
Black, White, Sinner or Saved,
English, French, Chinese or Dane
From troubled Afrique or simmering Spain.

Our floors are solid marble,
Patterned in geometry, but hard,
So, bring your blankets, as
Historically we're one starred.

Security is no problem,
Though our doors are open wide.
God watches over you
He's always on your side

Stretch out on our pews
Cleverly shaped to suit the human form,
Or kneel upon a cushion red,
Lean your arms and bow your head.

Food served regularly
And also at nights
"Take, Eat! This is my body,"
No extra charge for these delights.

Revel in our vaulted arches,
Bathe in our ancient font
'People-Watch' – see them pass by
The Wise, The Wicked, The Uncommitted.

Your soul is safe
There is only happiness, not misery.
Just remember the secret code words:
“Please God.....Let Me....”

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LENT

Forty days –forty nights.
Fasting –Praying.
Phew!
Takes some doing.
Takes some discipline.
Takes some devotion.
Why?
What was His purpose?
What were his reasons?
What were His motives?
Could I do that?
No way!
One day is fasting enough for me.
One day is praying enough for me.
One day is discipline enough for me.
So
Did it work?
Did He find the answers?
Did God speak to Him?
On Yom Kippur
I fast
I pray
I atone.
I feel better.
After forty days
After forty nights
Did He feel better
Or
Did He feel worse?
Maybe the answer’s why
He was so willing to die.

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