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### Abstract

MALEFACTOR (LEFT), MALEFACTOR (RIGHT), CENTURION

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## MALEFACTOR (LEFT)

So you is God?  
Den teck wi down! Tiefin doan bad  
like crucifyin!  
Wha do you, man?  
Save all a wi from dyin!

## MALEFACTOR (RIGHT)

Doan bodder widdim, Master; him  
must die;  
but when you kingdom come, remember I.  
When you sail across de sea,  
O god of Judah, carry I wit dee.

## CENTURION

I've seen it often:  
when the pain gets harsh,  
the fellow up there on the cross  
will often cry for mercy. Usually  
if he is lucid he will curse.  
Sometimes when the pain gets harsh  
the victim stops proclaiming  
he is innocent,  
and swears revenge.  
But this man's different: he forgave  
the people who enjoyed his pain!  
Never nailed a man like this before.  
Surely this man was God.