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WHO WAS THAT MOTHER'S SON?

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His burdens are now carried upon the wings of a dove,
and his forsaken body upon the shoulders of those who wait
next in line.

Momma would rock him to sleep, and give her breast for
his survival, in hopes that he would have a long and fruitful
life.

He heard the alluring call of false prophets and followed,
not knowing he had been branded for slaughter. That which
had seem so sweet, has now turned bitter . . . that which
seem to be freedom was actually the invitation for
incarceration.

Who was that mother's son?

Today will be his last cell block count . . . no more
shackles. . . . Or chain gang shuffles . . . no more chain gangs
stripes. . . . Today he will be clad in only a jailhouse sheet,
and a drop bottom pine coffin, where a six-foot grave awaits
without sympathy or regret. . . .
