

It can't be bought at any price, Nor can it be forced on one; It can't be stolen by a thief, Nor can it be overdone.

It cannot flourish in the proud. Nor live within the Godless, It can't be given as a gift, Without it life is worthless

It will survive all suffering,
And can't be killed by torture;
It lives within the prison camps,
With hope the inmates nuture.

It can belong to rich and poor, The humble and remorseful; Blossoms in a forgiving heart, The loyal and the thoughtful.

Faith is there in the soul that's blest, By the everlasting God; It gently leads the life of man, An unseen divining rod.

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