Philippians 2:6–11 Shakespearean Sonnet

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“6 Who being in the form of God did not consider being equal with God a prize to be grasped,

7 But emptied himself taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men; and being found in appearance as a man

8 He lowered himself becoming subject even to death, death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also exalted him exceedingly and granted to him a name above all names,

10 So that every knee of those in the heavens and on the earth and under the earth might bend at the name of Jesus,

11 And that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father.”
Sonnet:

Although he was at first as one divine
A son of God assuming Him in form,
The pow’r of God he did not undermine,
To more unequal state he did transform.

And emptying himself, he chose a slave
To be his shape but did not count it loss.
A state so lowly, victim to the grave,
He even took a death upon the cross.

Thus God exalts him high above all worth,
And grants his name as one above all names,
So ev’ry knee above, below, on Earth,
Should bend at Jesus’ name, so God proclaims.

And ev’ry tongue on earth confess Christ’s reign,
To God the Father’s glory still, Amen.