



*From the Passion Façade of the Temple of the Sagrada Família,  
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### **Out of Chaos**

Who could have predicted  
That out of the chaos that was the Passion—  
The incident of betrayal by a brother,  
The apathy of somnolent friends,  
Denial and desertion by those dearest,  
The iterations of humiliation and hatred,  
The multiple occasions of accusation,  
The repetitions of rough-handling, flailing,  
Flogging with the nine-tailed cat,  
The occurrences of piercing by thorn, nail, spear,  
And ten thousand agonizing instances  
Of hanging in the fierce sun—  
Who could have predicted  
That out of this violent chaos  
There would emerge a pattern of grace?

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