

Hollow Reed

Seals & Crofts

Abdu'l-Baha is thought to have said, "Make me a hollow reed from which the pith of self Hath been blown so that I may become a clear channel through which Thy love may flow to others". The rest of the "prayer" is a poem written by George Thompson and published in the Star of the West. --Kent]

Make me as a hollow reed, that I may play and plant Thy seed.

Rascal's closet may be lit, and have a needy rhyme in it.

Make me as a flute of stone that when I play Thy wind is blown.

Rascal's hideaway might chill, and die away from sill to sill.

Hollow reed, hollow reed, hollow reed, hollow reed.

Make me as a hollow reed that I may sing your grace, my steed.

Rascal's secret will be seen in it's decay and sickening green.

Make me as a proof in turn, I will prove to them that yearn.

Rascal's lie is manifest and never could survive your test.

Hollow reed, hollow reed, hollow reed, hollow reed.

Make me as a hollow reed so I may give them what they need.

Rascal's reign will come to end and monarch's eyes will shine again.

Make me strong for I am weak, give me words and I will speak

. Rascal's cheeks will burn in shame when all of us know Your Name.

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