

"An Agnostic's Salvation"

This I write that some Armenian might be brought to agree.
At one time the way-to-salvation was completely unknown to me.
That Christ was divine, I was for a time unable to see.
Was I not prevented from being, of faith, a recipient?
As was Thomas Hardy, was I not also an imperipient?
The matter seemed inconclusive, when the Bible I'd read:
It was indisputable proof that I felt my mind did need.

In such a condition, what would you expect one to do?
The more I studied, the more it seemed my doubt grew.
Was it not an intellectualism that was obscuring my view?
Religious truth, I attempted to establish through reason.
Perhaps this was why my perception was denied for a season.
Using my own logic only, I was not able to perceive.
In such a situation, I was unable to trustingly believe.

'Tis great if you can truly commit with your own will:
With such a requirement, would I not be lost still?
Within me, saving-faith did the Spirit not instill?
No claim would I make that my faith did already reside.
That I was going to commit, the Sovereign God did decide.
In my salvation, free-will did hold not one share:
Whatever faith I may have had was Divinely put there!

Now, when the solution would come; what must it then be?
Since I was unable, God must certainly have enabled me.
Did not the Spirit somehow provide that I should see?
Some say they had that faith: To God 'twas foreknown.
Faith, I could not provide: To me it had to be shown.
Are those to be applauded because freely they would?
I was so blinded, that I wasn't even certain I should.

Many people think that with their free-will they decide.
I was unable to search-out the truth even when I tried.
For my private enlightenment, God bothered to provide.
My conversion, the Spirit did somehow achieve.
It was provided that salvation I would receive.
This, I believe, is the truth that I'm about to state:
Had I depended on free-will, I'd have been too late.

You may see now why with free-will I have much trouble.
If you advocate free-will, I hope to burst your bubble.
Claiming such for free-will, I see as hay and stubble.
This question I would ask, if genuinely the man can:
Is the plan of salvation God's or is it man's plan?
When I make this statement, perhaps it will now be seen:

Where the Bible says "chosen," that's just what it does mean.

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