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The Handwriting on the Wall

Knowles Shaw, 1877.

At the feast of Belshazzar and a thousand of his lords,
While they drank from golden vessels, as the Book of Truth records,
In the night, as they reveled in the royal palace hall,
They were seized with consternation'twas the Hand upon the wall!

Refrain

'Tis the hand of God on the wall!
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Shall the record be "Found wanting!"
Or shall it be "Found trusting!"
While that hand is writing on the wall?

See the brave captive, Daniel, as he stood before the throng,
And rebuked the haughty monarch for his mighty deeds of wrong;
As he read out the writing'twas the doom of one and all,
For the kingdom now was finishedsaid the Hand upon the wall!

Refrain

See the faith, zeal and courage, that would dare to do the right,
Which the Spirit gave to Daniel'twas the secret of his might,
In his home in Judea, or a captive in the hall,
He understood the writing of his God upon the wall!

Refrain

So our deeds are recordedthere's a Hand that's writing now:
Sinner, give your heart to Jesus, to His royal mandates bow;
For the day is approachingit must come to one and all,
When the sinners' condemnation will be written on the wall!

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