

## Kjwan

### "So Said The Lighthouse Keeper"

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I am the very loneliest  
Of creatures in the universe  
Indeed I am an epitaph to Man  
For having witnessed mass destruction  
Like you've never dreamed and worse  
I fear I shall bear witness once again  
So said the lighthouse keeper  
As he struggled up the spiral stairs  
Which led him to the laser flare  
Which scanned the cosmic void  
Where keeping constant vigil  
He'd forewarn, this gallant guard of guards  
Beware all ships the space graveyard  
And it's stones of asteroids  
For though my race was thought immune  
Themselves they did consume  
So be warned or be mourned tomorrow  
And from your deafness do desist  
And pray take heed of this  
For your present course  
Can only end in sorrow  
So said the lighthouse keeper  
As he wiped a teardrop from his nose  
Upon which his spectacles rose  
And gazed out to the stars  
And like a portrait still he stared  
And sighing to himself declared  
I must invent the perfect prayer  
Not yours, not mine, but ours  
Which in the name of charity  
Might lead us to Eternal Peace  
The ultimate philosophy  
Some simple, single phrase  
The old and much encumbered man  
Then came to rest with head in hand  
He thought  
And thought  
And thought away his last remaining day  
(Epilogue:  
When to his end the old man came  
Death told him "You'll not die in vain"

And on his lips the fatal kiss was placed  
But from within his falling chest  
The old man uttered one last breath  
And had we heard his parting word  
We'd know that he had said.

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