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All you hypocrites and liars In the temple seeking gain All you senators and lawyers With your motives to explain

All you victims and you heroes Your petitions to complain All you murderers and martyrs On the fields where you lay slain

On the just and unjust, alike it doth rain And the quality of mercy is not strained Vengeance and revenge are just two words for pain And the quality of mercy is not strained

Did not I crucify my Lord Did not I bind Him in chain Did not I three times betray Him Three times deny His name

Did not I cast the first stone And then justify the blame Did not He die for my sins But never would I do the same

I've been three times a sinner and two times a saint And the quality of mercy is not strained Yes for love, if it's love, is changing but unchanged And the quality of mercy is not strained

Hypocrites and liars The quality of mercy is not strained Senators and lawyers The quality of mercy is not strained

Victims and you heroes The quality of mercy is not strained You murderers and martyrs The quality of mercy is not strained

Crucify my Lord The quality of mercy is not strained Bind Him in chain The quality of mercy is not strained

Three times betray Him The quality of mercy is not strained Justify the blame The quality of mercy is not strained

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