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## **Ray Boltz** "He's Alive"

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The gates and doors were barred

And all the windows fastened down;

I spent the night in sleeplessness

And rose at every sound

Half in hopeless sorrow

And half in fear the day

Would find the soldiers

Breakin' thru to drag us all away

And just before the sunrise

I heard something at the wall

The gate began to rattle

And a voice began to call;

I hurried to the window

And looked down into the street

Expecting swords and torches

And the sounds of soldier's feet

There was no one there but Mary

So I went down to let her in;

John stood there beside me

As she'd told us where she'd been.

She said, They moved Him in the night

And none of us knows where;

The stone's been rolled away

And now His body isn't there!

We both ran t'ward the garden,

Then John ran on ahead;

We found the stone and empty tomb

Just the way that Mary said.

But the winding sheet

They wrapped Him in

Was just an empty shell;

And who or where they'd taken Him

Was more than I could tell.

Well, something strange

Had happened there,

But just what I didn't know;

John believed a miracle

But I just turned to go.

Circumstance and speculation

Couldn't lift me very high

'Cause I'd seen them crucify Him,
Then I saw Him die.
Back inside the house again
The guilt and anguish came;
Everything I'd promised Him
Just added to my shame.
When at last it came to choices,
I denied I knew His name;
And even if He was alive,
It wouldn't be the same
But suddenly the air was filled
With a strange and sweet perfume;
Light

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