

. .AND GOD SAID "NO."

I asked God to take away my pride,

And God said "No."

He said it was not for Him to take away,

But for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole,

and God said, "No."

He said her spirit is eternal,

While her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience,

And God said, "No."

He said patience is a by-product of tribulation.

It isn't granted - it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness,

And God said "No."

He said He gives blessings,

Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,

And God said "No."

He said, "Suffering draws you apart from

Worldly cares and brings you close to Me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow,

And God said "No."

He said I must grow on my own,

But he will prune me to make it fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me,

And God said "Yes."

He gave me His only Son, who died for me,

And I will be in heaven someday

Because I believe.

I asked God to help me love others

As much as He loves me,

And God said,

"Ah, finally you have the idea."

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