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Utter pest of cotton robes
Wet with passing *ruah*
Covered breath and muffled tone
To try the mask of God

'neath the eyes and covered nose
Held loosely 'hind his ears
Cheeks beset and markets closed
To every name but Fear

Now every heart take courage
To ponder each its steps
Lest he turn from narrow door
To wicked right or left

Muzzled sheep to wander lost
And dash among the fields,
'til at once the Shepherd calls
As Master for a meal

Table prepped and oil runs
Like rivers raging bold
Fable now the Lamb to come
Who liberates the Scroll

Amen say the falling four
To glory Power's might
Letting saints in hallowed doors
And tongues of every tribe.

Back from Death in snowy robes
To raise their holy *ruah*
Gathered breath and blessed tone
Behind the mask of God