Choir Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. Then led they Jesus

from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might

eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said,

Pilate What accusation bring ye against this man?

Choir They answered and said unto him,

Chorus If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

Choir, Chorus

Christina Rossetti "Gone For Ever" (1846) O happy rose-bud blooming
Upon thy parent tree,
Nay, thou art too presuming;
For soon the earth entombing
Thy faded charms shall be,
And the chill damp consuming.

O happy skylark springing
Up to the broad blue sky,
Too fearless in thy winging,
Too gladsome in thy singing,
Thou also soon shalt lie
Where no sweet notes are ringing.

And through life's shine and shower
We shall have joy and pain;
But in the summer bower,
And at the morning hour,
We still shall look in vain
For the dame bird and flower.

Choir John Then said Pilate unto them,

18:31-40

Pilate Take ye him, and judge him according to your law.

Choir The Jews therefore said unto him,

Chorus It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

Choir That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death

he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus,

and said unto him,

Pilate Art thou the King of the Jews?

Choir Jesus answered him,

Jesus Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

Choir Pilate answered,

Pilate Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me:

what hast thou done?

Choir Jesus answered,

Jesus My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would

my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my

kingdom not from hence.

Choir Pilate therefore said unto him,

Pilate Art thou a king then?