

For Thirty Coins of Silver (Judas' Lament)

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"It's just a few feet more," I told the captain of the guard
I knew that he'd most likely be there, praying in the yard
"I'll kiss him on the cheek," I said beneath a stifled yawn
He whispered his command and on we went with weapons drawn

We passed the others lying, fast asleep, upon the ground
And I couldn't help but think of all the times they'd put me down
So arrogant and sanctified, they never understood
I guess it takes a man like me to serve the common good

[Chorus]

Cleverly, Satan took hold of me
Oh, I can't believe I let him make a fool of me
Now this solitude and strife, it cuts as deep as any knife
For thirty coins of silver I have given up my life

It almost seems as if he had expected us that night
For though his men were now awake he warned them not to fight
I'd barely whispered, "Master," when his voice cut through the mist
"Judas," he said calmly, "you'd betray me with a kiss?"

[Repeat Chorus]

{Bridge}

I kissed him, then I turned away... that's what I'd come to do
Remembering what he said last night... his words had proven true
I tried to run away, I wanted desperately to hide
From shame and sorrow's haunting but I can't escape inside

So all has come to nothing, all my fine and noble deeds
When all I ever wanted was to serve the people's needs
It doesn't seem to matter that my efforts were sincere
My strategy was well-conceived, my vision seemed so clear

(Repeat Chorus and fade)