

## **CONVICTION**

A woman accused of adultery  
Was condemned to death by stoning.  
A crowd of men soon gathered  
Where she lay bound and groaning.

A passer-by was moved to tears  
By the sound of the woman's groans.  
"Let him who is without sin," he cried,  
"Be the one to cast the first stone."

A hundred men at once took aim,  
Each firm in his conviction  
That he was the only person there  
Who fitted that description.

A hundred stones flew through the air,  
The woman was quickly dead,  
Leaving her would-be saviour thinking  
It must have been something he said.