

## Father Forgive Them

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Jesus was a man who kept the company of men  
Till he got betrayed by one of them  
And surely that must have been the biggest sin  
But in his final hour, he even forgave him  
And what he asked you then, well I now ask you too  
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

For they too have their cross to bear  
In your love, please let them share  
For Jesus would have understood  
And brought them home to you.  
Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Most of us are troubled and we cannot understand  
Anything that doesn't fall into our scheme or plan  
But it's we have made the rules, and it's we must share  
the blame  
For it's we who make outsiders, and it's we who give them  
names  
And while we're praying for them, what we really ought to  
do  
Is say, Father, forgive them, but please, forgive us too.