

FOR THIRTY COINS OF SILVER

"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
Oh, 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'd let them 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 seemed as if He had expected us that night
For though His men were now awake He warned them not to fight
I'd suddenly regretted what I'd brought them here to see
But if I'd try to trick them now they'd surely turn on me
I harbored second thoughts but in a moment I was fine
Until the mirror in His eyes sent shivers down my spine
I'd barely whispered, "Master...," when His voice cut through the mist
"Judas...," He said calmly, "...you betray Me with a kiss?"

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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 2x AND CODA)

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