

# Death Row

CHARACTERS: A, B, C, D, Guard, Jesus

PROPS: none specified

SETTING: prison cell (s)

RUN TIME:

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 1 Peter 2:24 (He Himself bore our sins) Romans 5:8 (But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!) John 3:17 (For God did not send His Son into the world that He might condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.) Romans 8:1 (Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus)

At rise: *Convicts are scattered about their cell(s). A is softly singing.*

B: Shut up with that singing.

C: Yeah. Singing is for happy people and there ain't nothing to be happy about on death row.

A: I'm not staying here.

D: You got that right. Soon enough we'll all be gone.

B: Buried in an unmarked grave with no one sadder for our deaths.

A: I'm going to be redeemed.

C: *(snorting with derision)* Redeemed. Right. And I'm the king of England.

A: You watch. I've got kin coming for me.

D: You're nuts. If I recall, you said you were an orphan.

A: I was, but I was adopted. By a king. *(smiling)* But not the king of England. I was adopted by the king of the entire universe.

D: Like I said, you're nuts

B: It's too late to go for an insanity plea. You've been found guilty and sentenced to die. No one gets off death row.

Guard and Jesus enter. Guard unlocks cell. Jesus enters and embraces A.

A: I knew you'd come.

GUARD: *(to A)* You're free to go. *A exits; JESUS stays in cell as GUARD locks door.*

B: Hey, stupid, you just got locked in.

JESUS: I know. I'm taking my sister's punishment.

D: Then you're nuts. This is death row.

C: Why would you die for some adopted guttersnipe?

JESUS: Because I love her.