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THE WORDS OF SAINT PETER  
FROM HIS THRONE IN THE  
VATICAN

Carma de Jong Anderson\*



Seat me on a plank of wood  
That bends and creaks with muscled weight—  
Not palace marble, cold, immovable,  
For I would *move*  
The feet of Galileans  
And all the world of Gentiles  
To a holier ground!  
Give me the roughened wood  
From licking waters  
And the stains of storms  
That roil the fishes and color my nets  
With every hue of Israel.  
My metal is not bronze  
In polished greens,  
But iron for the strength of ships,  
The ferrous blacks and oranges  
Of fiery souls!  
My keys and crowns are neither  
Bronze nor iron of this earth,  
But gifted me of God.

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