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How vast beyond all measure,  
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~ Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ*, page 50



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