LET ME KEEP LENT

Let me keep Lent.
Let me not kneel and pray
Forego some trifle every day,
Fast and take sacrament -
And then
Lend tongue to slander; hold ancient grudge,
Deny the very Lord whom I would glorify.

Let me keep Lent.
Let my heart grow in grace
Let Thy light shine till my illumined face
Will be a testament, read by all men -
That hate is buried, and self crucified -
New born the spirit that shall rise on
Easter morn.