

After reading Job

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If God is my key witness,
and ready to testify
on my behalf while still
fully aware of the charges
against me, yet hoping
I am innocent of them all,
or most, or surely some,
or certainly the worst;

If God is my key witness,
then it seems strange when
Next witness! is called
and my chief counsel goes searching,
that he is nowhere to be found
and when asked, a guard admits
he saw him leaving
when the vesper bells began
at St. Mary's, saying something
about waiting as long as he could,
and was sure I would do just fine
on my own, but if I should lose,
he would send comforters
who will stand in the cold
at midnight with placards
and crepe-draped crosses
to cry out at the gates,
Shame, Shame!