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A grief-ridden man, gun on his back
His struggles so heavy he could nearly crack
The book he holds of holy writ;
He must continue, he cannot quit
His ragged jacket, his preacher's collar
A former man of the cloth
Now dejected and hollow
Leaving the flames of chastisement behind
His wild hair, his skinny frame
Loaded down with scorn and blame
Yet, he will survive ...

Twice a Man

A grief-ridden man, Tree on his back
His burden—more than a man can bear
A gap in his side, holes in his hands
He must continue going, he can't give in
His callused hands, his Preacher's face
A man of more than commonplace
Now rejected and forsaken
He leaves the flames of humanity behind
His razored crown, his hardened frame
Loaded down under scorn and blame
And yet, deserving not ...