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*WE HAVE LOOSED THE  
JUDGMENT OF SCORERS,  
YE DEEM US JOYLESS  
AND HARSH*

*Obdurate as granite boulders, rigorous as East  
winds of March,  
Icy as Plymouth waters, bleak as the sands of  
Cape Cod,  
Self-tortured, and slaves to the letter of a tyrannical  
God.*

We denied not our grievous transgressions,  
ye who scorn us and turn from our way:  
We searched out our inmost offenses, we  
owned them in clear light of day:  
Not in cloistered recess did we whisper our  
sins, nor belittle and hide;  
In the face of the full congregation we  
humbled our spiritual pride.