

# And God Said, “No”

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I asked God to take away my pride,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said it is not for Him to take away,  
but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said her spirit is whole,  
Her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation,  
it isn't granted, it's earned.

I asked God to give me happiness,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said He gives blessings,  
Happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said, “Suffering draws you apart from worldly  
cares and brings you closer to Me.”

I asked God to make my spirit grow,  
And God said, “No.”  
He said I must grow on my own,  
but He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me,  
And God said, “Yes.”  
He gave me His only Son who died for me,  
and I will be in Heaven someday because I believe.

I asked God to help me love others,  
as much as He loves me.  
And God said,  
“Ah, finally you have the idea.”

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