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Topic - "A Hymn to Good"
(John Donne)

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"A Hymne to God the Father"
By - John Donne

"A Hymne to God the Father" is a deeply personal devotional poem in which Donne prays to God to forgive him for the original sin which though it was committed long before he was born, is still his sin. He is involved in it though it was committed not by him but by him, the first man.

In the second stanza the poet prays to God to forgive him for the heinous sin he has committed in persuading others to follow the path of sin. His own sin has become a

door to lead others to the path of sin.

In the third stanza the poet expresses that he has committed the sin of fear which implies a want of faith in divine mercy. He is afraid that when his life in this world is over and he dies, his soul would not be able to cross the sea of eternity and reach of other world, the world of divine. The poet asks God to assure him by swearing that even at the moment of his death, His son, Christ the saviour of mankind will shine upon him. Thus 'The Hymn' shows Donne in a repentent mood, a mood of humility and submission.
