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The son of Quisling speaks

Lord King, give me another name.
I am the traitor Quisling's son
and my father's name is not gone
but carried on with cruel fame,

forever, like Iscariot,
was cursed because of his foul deed
and his betrayal, for kiss and greed,
of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Iscariot had wife nor child
and had hanged himself on a tree.
And Quisling, though at large and free,
with a mind perverse and beguiled.

His name shall as Judas's name
be cursed and people will condemn
both traitors and all will hate them.
Quisling — Iscariot: insane!

Save me, Lord! The world you'll reclaim
and you will make all things anew.
To go with you, to die with you,
is to gain another pure name.

To pray with my own quiv'ring tongue
to pray for him who did betray,
for father Quisling, if I may,
'cause I am his son.

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