

## And God Said "No!"

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I asked God to take away my pride

And God said, "No!"

He said it was 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 us 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 and obey.

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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