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A Chaplain walks tonight
Between the rows of beds,
He speaks softly of hope and right,
To fevered brow through danger led.

A Chaplain struggles tonight
To persuade some tortured soul
That rest and peace are found in light,
The Spirit's light that makes men whole.

A Chaplain speaks today
in accents clear, with words of hope
To fellow travelers on life's way
For those at sea, having lost their way.

The Chaplain walks today
Amid the clang of cold steel bars,
And angry shouts of men restrained,
While guards maintain an anxious vigil.

A Chaplain meets today
With anxious parents torn by pain,
Racked by hurt and bent by worry,
On bended knees they find their gain.

A Chaplain moves today
Amongst the ranks of uniforms, demands,
Representing home, peace, and Sunday,
Amid the noise of arms, the shouts of command.

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