

## **Religion Box**

**Step out!  
Step out of your religion box!  
Remove yourself from show;  
practices, routines, peculiar church-talk,  
the robes and altars, pulpits too.  
Step away for just one day,**

**Be an outsider looking in,  
observe yourself, what you have been.  
Stand apart and scrutinize  
if what you've been is good, is wise.**

**Now strip your faith to the essentials,  
just one essential if you dare.  
What have you now become aware?  
How much crust and rust is there?**

**What many layers of old veneer.  
See, the light's concealed,  
covered with drapes of darkness,  
impeding what must be healed.**

**What beam of gospel purity  
shines through for you to see;  
the glory from the face of Christ,  
his truth and purity.**

**What message did he give,  
what life of holiness to live?**

**He drew us to our Father.  
He showed us how to love;  
our need receive a new birth  
from his Spirit-Word above.**

**He granted life eternal  
by rising from the grave;  
he promised us a mansion,  
release for sinning slaves.**

**His Spirit once descended  
a temple we become;  
repentance in the water,  
a life of fire begun.**

**Step out! Step out  
the religion box this day;  
Take hold! Take hold of Jesus Christ,  
my truth, my life, my way.**