Good Friday...<br>"Ding! Dong! The witch is dead. The wicked witch of the west is dead. Ding! Dong! The wicked witch is dead."<br>-"The Wizard of Oz"

The other day I was thinking about the story in the Bible where Jesus prays not to be crucified; you know, the part where he says to God something like, "If it's your will, have this cup taken from me and passed unto another." I can't really hold it against him, either. Sure he was the son of God, but he really didn't want to die. Wouldn't it have been better if it had been like the "Elias Sandoval" episode from the original Star Trek series. All you Trekkies probably know the one I'm talking about: the one where Spock is hanging upside down from a tree laughing ("I'm not going back, Jim. I like it here on Omicrom Seti Three..." or whatever bloody planet it was).

Maybe Jesus should have tried that approach.

"I'm not going back, God. I'm in love. I like it here on Earth."
While Mary Magdalene, wearing a slinky Spandex outfit, is playing with flowers at the base of the tree saying, "Yes, it really is pleasant here, God."

But then I suppose God would have had to make Jesus mad, and after that time he snapped in the Temple and pummeled the money changers, no one wanted to push him too far.

Anyway, here's a little poem that resulted from a game some the staff play. Enjoy.

A is for Atlas who holds up the sky...
B is for Beowulf who made Grendel di
C is for Circe who turns men to pigs...
$\mathbf{D}$ is for Dwarfs and the tunnels they dig.
E is for Erebus where flows the river Styx...
F is for Fauns who like to play tricks.
G is for Gwenevere who are Arthur's three wives...
$\mathbf{H}$ is for Harpies who come when one dies.
I is for Icarus with unfaithful wings...
$\mathbf{J}$ is for Jahweh of whom angels sing.
$\mathbf{K}$ is for Krishna who makes one feel love...
$\mathbf{L}$ is for Legion, below not above.
$\mathbf{M}$ is for Mithra, so much like the Christ... $\mathbf{N}$ is for Nymphs, who have men inticed.
$\mathbf{O}$ is for Osiris, who had been reborn...
$\mathbf{P}$ is for Prometheus whose flesh was constantly torn.
Q is for Quetzalcoatl, the snake who could fly...
$\mathbf{R}$ is for Rhadamanthus, whom dead souls does try. $\mathbf{S}$ is for Semiramis, of beauty reknowned...
T is for Titans whom Zeus ordered bound.
$\mathbf{U}$ is for Underworld, land of the dead...
$\mathbf{V}$ is for Varuna who is always overhead.
$\mathbf{W}$ is for Wandula where all is forgot...

$\mathbf{X}$ is for Xanthus where the Trojans all fought.
$\mathbf{Y}$ is for Yggdrasil with roots in three worlds...
$\mathbf{Z}$ is for Zalevkos, his sun glory unfurled.

