

## HAGAR—A HEROINE OF THE FAITH

*(Genesis 16 & 19:9-21 and Galatians 4:21-30)*

She was just a servant girl from a far-off foreign land.  
She did not initiate the scheme her master's wife had planned.  
She didn't chose to be a concubine, she likely wasn't asked;  
Though she got a little haughty when she'd polished off the task.  
Sarah dealt a bit unjustly when she saw what she had done,  
And her servant over-acted when she saw a chance to run.  
But God had a plan for Hagar with a major role to play,  
And it wasn't going to happen if she got too far away,  
So the angel of the Lord was sent to meet her at the well,  
Where He promised her a blessing if she'd go back home a spell.  
And she called Him, "LaHaiRoi," for she knew He sees and cares,  
By the way that He was hearing and responding to her prayers.

Then, when Ishmael picked a quarrel with his father's rightful heir,  
Sarah sent her servant packing, though it seemed to be unfair.  
Even Abraham objected, but God said she had to go,  
For according to Galatians, He was using her to show--  
Isaac was the child of freedom, and he represented grace,  
Hagar stood for all the bondage that the Law would put in place;  
Grace and Law are contradictive of each other's point of view,  
And the old must be excluded to make way for what is new.  
When their water was exhausted Hagar feared the child would die,  
But God's promises are certain so He'd placed a well nearby,  
For the lad would be essential the tale her life would tell,  
'Cause she took the role assigned her, and she played it very well.

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