

## PENTECOST RAP

When the day of Pentecost came round  
All of them in one room were found  
Suddenly there came a mighty rush  
A wind from Heaven which filled the house  
Then resting on each one to inspire  
Something appeared like tongues of fire.  
Filled with the Spirit they began to speak  
In native languages, Parthian and Mede  
There were devout men in Jerusalem  
From every nation under Heaven  
Elamites, folk from Mesopotamia,  
Judaea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus, Asia and Phrygia,  
Egypt, and also Pamphylia  
The parts of Libya around Cyrene,  
And visitors, Jews and proselytes from Rome.  
Each of them heard the disciples preach  
The marvels of God in their own speech!  
Now not one of them could explain,  
And asked each other what did it mean?

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Some of them laughed and were inclined  
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To say, "They've been drinking too much wine!"  
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Peter stood up with the eleven,  
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"Men of Judaea and Jerusalem,  
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Make no mistake in any way  
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But listen carefully to what I say.  
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These men aren't drunk as you suppose  
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It's what was spoken by the prophet Joel'  
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In the third chapter you will find,  
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"I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind.  
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In the days to come it is the Lord who speaks.  
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Their sons and daughters shall prophesy."  
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What you see and hear us speaking  
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Is the Spirit of the Lord outpouring.  
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So house of Israel be assured  
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This Jesus whom you crucified,  
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God has made both Lord and Christ  
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Yes God has made both Lord and Christ."

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