The Handwriting on the Wall
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1. At the feast of Bel-shazzar and a thousand of his lords, While they drank from golden vessels, as the Book of Truth records, In the night, as they reveled in the royal palace hall, They were seized with consternation—'twas the Hand upon the wall!

2. See the brave captive, Daniel, as he stood before the throng, And re-buked the haughty monarch for his mighty deeds of wrong; As he read out the writing—'twas the doom of one and all, For the kingdom now was finished—said the Hand upon the wall! 'Tis the sinners’ condemnation will be written on the wall!

3. See the faith, zeal and courage, that would dare to do the right, Which the Spirit gave to Daniel—'twas the secret of his might, In his home in Judea, or a captive in the hall, He understood the writing of his God upon the wall!

4. So our deeds are recorded—there’s a Hand that’s writing now: Sinner, give your heart to Jesus, to His royal mandates bow; For the sinner’s condemnation will be written on the wall!
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writ-ing on the wall!

wall! Shall the rec-ord be "Found want-ing!" Or
writ-ing on the wall!

shall it be "Found trust-ing!" While that hand is writ-ing on the wall?

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