

Gethsemane

Cello Solo

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On the night Jesus was betrayed, He took three of the Twelve and went into Gethsemane. He suffered the pains of all men, "which suffering caused [Him],

even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit..

The Savior's solitary task of shouldering alone the burden of our salvation was the loneliest journey ever made. "...he realized that except it be done perfectly, not one of His Father's children

could return to Him...In His absolutely pure mind and heart! He had to personally feel the consequences of all that mankind would ever encounter, even the most depraved and despicable sins...

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He had to endure the vicious attack of Satan's hordes while physically and emotionally pressed to the limit. Then, for reasons we do not fully know, while at the extremity of His capacity, at the time the Savior most needed succor,

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His Father allowed Him to shoulder the onerous responsibility with only His own strength and capacity." It was central to the significance of the Atonement, that this perfect Son...had to feel what it was like to die

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not only physically but spiritually
to sense what it was like to have the divine
Spirit withdraw,

(Spoken alone):
leaving one feeling totally, abjectly, hopelessly alone.