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Title: **Portrait of an Enemy by Dorothy Smith Clark**
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A poetry regarding Satan, and how to overcome him. Cathy Gilmore said this was given to grandchildren who entered into their teens.

Portrait of an Enemy

I'm an outcast

Known as Satan (your brother)

Because I am denied

A physical body

Like yours;

I am envious, and

Constantly seek to destroy you.

My powers are great

And my methods insidious;

But I can cannot control

Nor influence

Those who make up

Their mind

To have nothing to do with me.

I weaken souls slowly,

Feed their vain pride,

I justify falsehood

To gain for my side.

I sow contention,

Deceit and distrust;

I confuse and discourage—

Day and night if I must.

For all that I have to gain

Is at stake

'Til lives can tarnish

And hearts I can break.

The wise will reject me,

Drive me away

Through prayer and persistence

Toward goals day by day.

The meek and obedient

Who share faith and strength

Can rob me of prospects

And conquer at length

My power to dissuade them—

For they hold in view

Eternity's blessings,

And life ever new.

Dorothy Smith Clark