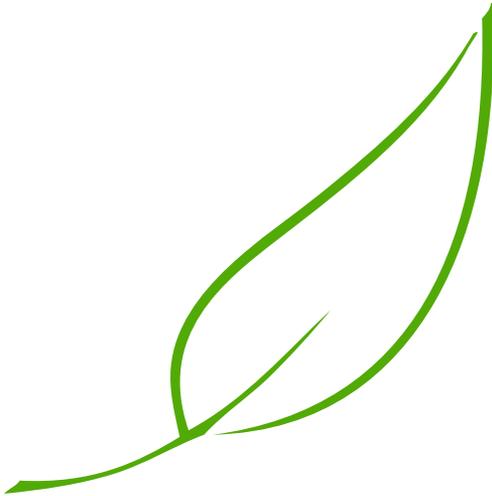


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My coffee ... yeh, I'll take it black ... my fiction, slightly salty ...
 And oh ... Oh, let it fill the air ... I'll take my Jesus dancing.
 Not the bleeding, suffering Jesus, woeful Jesus of the thorns,
Are you washed in the Guilt of the Lamb?
 Not the stained-glass, pious Jesus, holy-moldy church-hung
 Jesus, I'll take my Jesus dancing.

Not the painful, trudging Jesus, hanging on the cross of Sony,
 Not the awe-ful, noble warrior, tramping o'er the heads of
 sinners;
 Not the Son of Sorrows Jesus, Not the Lamb so stained with
 blood,
 Not the bruised and beaten icon stained with leaded glass &
 wood.
 Not the pulpit pounding ranter, not the screaming Dixie
 banshee.
 "My Jesus don't beat Bibles, boy!"

Not the tele-prompter Jesus, 1-800-FOR-A-BLESSING,
 Not the Technicolor pirate "*When my Rolls' recalled up yonder
 you'll be saved*"
 Not the white tuxedoed savior, taking Nashville buck by buck,
 Not the silk-lined, smooth-tongued savior, topping charts with
 fiscal song;
 Not the slick and quick-tongued hawker, *Ruse of Sharon, Quick
 to Save ...*
 Not the mansion-building prophet, blindly binding bucks with
 blessings.

My Jesus sings, my Jesus smiles, my Jesus taps his feet with
 joy.

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