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to shouts and songs of
joy and palmed 'hosannas'
he enters on an ass

he'll have his royal moment
despite what fate dictates
he is a king about to die

some bread, a cup of wine,
beginning of a meal that
cannot end

blood, prayer and olive
trees tell me that he finds
it hard to die

a gray dishevelled day
in the distance a tree
sways heavy with grief

a day out of time
even nature acknowledges
death's brief victory

Still, I often raid his tomb
and help myself to miracles
some parables...

enough for LIFE

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