

DRIP, DRIP, DRIP

(This poem was written on Thursday, 19th February 2009 and was suggested by a remark the writer's wife had made concerning the 'growing torrent' of anti-Christian discrimination within the United Kingdom.)

Drip, drip, drip,

A hospital chaplain is made redundant due to budgetary cutbacks
A drop of discrimination quietly falls

Drip, drip, drip,

Local councils re-brand the Christmas Festival as '*Winterval*'
A trickle of intolerance begins

Drip, drip, drip,

A popular atheist scientist brands Christianity as '*an unreasoning evil*'
A pool of intolerance gradually forms

Drip, drip, drip,

A Christian employee is banned from wearing a cross at work
A stream of intolerance flows

Drip, drip, drip,

A Christian registrar is bullied at work for her '*narrow*' stance on marriage
A surge of intolerance gathers force

Drip, drip, drip,

A Christian nurse is suspended for offering to pray for a patient
A river of intolerance thunders rushes on

Drip, drip, drip,

A five year old girl who told another child about Jesus at school is sent home in tears
A wide, pounding river of intolerance carries all before it

Drip, drip, drip,

Librarians store Bibles on top shelves to avoid offending religious minorities
A raging river of intolerance bursts its banks

Drip, drip, drip,

A church is sued for allegedly violating anti-discrimination legislation
An overflowing river of intolerance drowns adjacent fields

Drip, drip, drip,

Police intervene to stop Christian outdoor preachers; two are arrested
A rising flood of intolerance devastates surrounding communities

ROAR, ROAR, ROAR,

New anti-hate legislation threatens to quell religious liberty and freedom of speech
A mighty deluge of intolerance overwhelms us all