

AS THOU GOEST STEP BY STEP
I WILL OPEN UP THE WAY BEFORE THEE

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Child of My love, fear not the unknown morrow,
Dread not the new demand life makes on thee;
Thy ignorance doth hold no cause for sorrow
Since what thou knowest not is known to me.

Thou canst not see today the hidden meaning
Of my command, but thou the light shalt gain:
Walk on in faith, upon my promise leaning,
And as thou goest all shall be made plain.

One step thou seest – then go forward boldly;
One step is far enough for faith to see;
Take that, and thy next duty shall be told thee,
For step by step, Thy Lord is leading thee.

Stand not in fear thy adversaries counting,
Dare every peril, save to disobey;
Thou shalt march on, all obstacles surmounting
For I, the Strong, will open the way.

Wherefore go gladly to the task assigned thee
Having my promise, needing nothing more
Than just to know, where'ere the future finds thee,
In all thy journeying I go before.

