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My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

And the fact that I think that I am following your will

Does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road

Though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always

Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear,

For you are ever with me,

And you will never leave me to face my perils alone.