



The Pathway of Pain

If my days were untroubled and my heart always light
Would I seek that fair land where there is no night?
If I never grew weary with the weight of my load
Would I search for God's peace at the end of the road?

If I never knew sickness and never felt pain
Would I search for a hand to help and sustain?
If I walked without sorrow and lived without loss
Would my soul still seek solace at the foot of the cross?

If all I desired was mine day by day
Would I kneel before God and earnestly pray?
If God sent no winter to freeze me with fear
Would I yearn for the warmth of spring every year?

I ask all these questions and the answer is plain,
If my life were all pleasure and I never knew pain,
I'd seek God less often and need Him much less
For we seek God more often in times of distress.

No one knows God or sees Him as plain
As those who have met Him on the pathway of pain.

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