

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 your hand
to help and sustain?
If I walked not with sorrow
and lived without loss,
Would my soul seek sweet 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 myself this and the answer
is plain:
If my life was all pleasure and I
never knew pain,
I'd seek God less often and need
Him much less,
For God's sought more often in
times of distress
And no one knows God or sees
Him as plain
As those who have met Him on
"the pathway of pain".

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