

Pilgrimage
THE WAY OF GOD

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1. The Way of God lies deep within
The mystic Christ declares,
A journey to a wond-rous feast
Which God, with love, prepares.
The journey centers on the choice
Between the many ways
Of leaving lesser things behind
To live a life of praise.

2. The lesser self attends our needs
For shelter and for food
But by itself it only brings
A surface vein of good.
It is the deeper, God-like self,
Which brings both peace and grace,
A sense that where we live our lives
Is truly sacred space.

3. When we exceed the balanced way
Consuming others' shares
The starving poor, on dying Earth,
Confirm our nightmare fears.
Unless we walk the inner Way
The surface self will rule;
Our greed will overtake our need
And kill our holy fool.

4. The path of Christ brings sacrifice,
A costly letting go,
A wilderness of painful choice
Beyond the space we know;
But when we walk with fearless hearts
And wisdom we can own
We find each pilgrim resting place
Becomes our spirit's home.

Note: "fool" in verse 3 = "clown" not "idiot"

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