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My presence shall go with thee, and I  
will give thee rest. Exodus 33:14

*I do not understand, dear Lord,  
Why this has come, nor see  
Why days are dark and nights so long,  
And clouds o'ershadow me.*

*Dost thou not understand, my child,  
Why clouds o'ercast the sky?  
That without rain no rainbow bright  
Could be, and flow'rs would die?*

*So in thy life, my precious one,  
Shall I send only sun  
To wither, scorch what dormant lies;  
And little raindrops shun?*

*Come lay thy weary head and rest  
Upon my breast — nor pine.  
This is from me; I know what's best  
Thy beauty to refine.*

(lover)

Just trust me when through paths unknown  
I lead — perchance with pain.  
Lean hard, my child, take thou my hand;  
Some day I'll make it plain.

There may be mountains rough and steep  
There may be valleys lone,  
There may be jagged rocks, or thorns.  
But thou art ne'er alone.

For I'll go with thee every step;  
Thy pain and grief I'll share.  
So lean the harder, child of mine.  
I've placed the burden there.

*Dear Lord, I may not understand  
The way Thou leadest me.  
Suffice to know that Thou, Oh God,  
The path ahead doth see.*

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### I THANK THEE

I thank Thee, Lord, when day is done,  
For one more hour, for one more sun,  
For one more time to live and love,  
To share each blessing from above.  
I thank Thee, Lord, for gentle hands,  
For beauty shining o'er the lands,  
For air to breathe, for time to pray.  
I thank Thee, Lord, for one more day!

- Patricia Emme

*If I Could Live My Life Again I know just what I'd do;  
I'd learn to trust in Thee, O Lord, and live my day for You.  
At each new dawn I'd talk with You and pray for ways to share  
The blessings of a loving heart with those who need Your care.  
Then through the hours I'd use myself in Your behalf, dear Lord  
To help the helpless learn of You and take You at Your word.  
And then before the signs of night had caused my day to end,  
I'd pause and wait to hear You say, "Well done, my faithful friend."  
- P. Russel Miller -*