

Making the journey, stage by stage

Darren Sylvester reproduces an old Hebrew Prayer in the hope that we may take life's journey, stage by stage.

*Birth is a beginning
And death a destination
And life a journey.
From childhood to maturity
And youth to age;
From innocence to awareness
And ignorance to knowing.
From foolishness to discretion and then,
Perhaps to Wisdom:
From weakness to strength
Or strength to weakness – and, often back again;
From health to sickness and back, we pray,
To health again;
From offence to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude
From pain to compassion,
And grief to understanding – from fear to faith;
From defeat to defeat to defeat –
Until, looking backward or ahead,
We see that victory lies
Not at some high place along the way,
But in having made the journey, stage by stage.*

May the peace and love of Christ be with you, and your families, during this Easter season.

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