**Dear God,   
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain**

**where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself...**

**and**

**the fact that I think I am  
following Your will does not mean**

**that I am actually doing so.**

**But, I believe this:**

**I believe**

**that the desire to please You**

**does in fact please You. I hope I have**

**that desire in everything I do.  
I hope I never do anything**

**apart from that desire.**

**And,**

**I know that if I do this**

**You will lead me**

**by the right road...**

**though I may know nothing**

**about it at the time.  
Therefore,**

**I will trust You always  
for though I may seem to be lost**

**and in the shadow of death,**

**I will not be afraid**

**because**

**I know You**

**will never leave me**

**to face my troubles**

**all alone. Amen**

**---Thomas Merton**