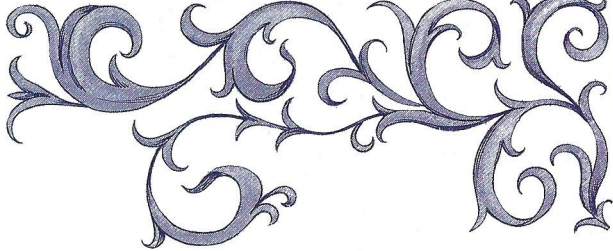
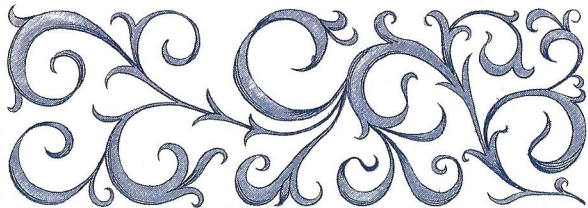


Open a Bible and look up each verse
To multiply the blessing-greatly. - C.B.R.



A Solitary Way



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*T*here is a mystery in human hearts,
And though we be encircled by a host
Of those who love us well, and are beloved,
To everyone of us, from time to time,
There comes a sense of utter loneliness. (Psa. 107:4)
Our dearest friend is stranger to our joy,
And cannot realize our bitterness. (Proverbs 14:10)
"There is not one who really understands,
Not one to enter into *all* I feel;" (Psalm 142:4)
Such is the cry of each of us in turn.
We wander in a "solitary way." (Psalm 107:4)
No matter what or where our lot may be;
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,
Must live its inner life in solitude.

*A*nd would you know the reason why this is?
It is because the Lord desires our love, (Job 7:17)
In every heart He wishes to be *first*. (Matt. 10:37)
He therefore keeps the secret-key Himself,
To open *all* its chambers, and to bless.
With *perfect* sympathy and holy peace, (Heb. 4:15,16)
Each solitary soul which comes to *Him*.
So when we feel this loneliness, it is
The voice of *JESUS* saying, "Come unto me" (Matt. 11:28)
And everytime we are "not understood,"
It is a call to us to come *again*;
For Christ alone can satisfy the soul, (John 4:14)
And those who walk with Him from day to day
Can never have "a solitary way".

And when beneath some heavy cross you faint,
And say, "I cannot bear this load alone,"
You say the truth. Christ made it purposely
So heavy that you must return to Him.
The bitter grief, which "no one understands"
Conveys a secret message from the King,
Entreating you to come to Him *again*.
The Man of Sorrows understands it well
In *all* points tempted He can feel with you,
You cannot come too often, or too near.
The Son of God is infinite in grace,
His presence satisfies the longing soul,
And those who walk with Him from day to day
Can never have "a solitary way". (Psalm 34:22)

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