



*My Lord 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 that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will 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.*

*Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

*I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

—Thomas Merton