

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

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Welcome!
This is LT.
You're in a Great Place!
You're in it to see!

You have fire in your soul.
You have love in your shoes.
You came to embark on a journey,
now let me supply some clues:
You're not on your own. You know who I know.
And together **WE'LL** determine the way you will go.

You'll look up at large mountains. They'll give you a scare.
About some you will say, "It will be hard to get up there."
With your heart full of fire and your shoes full of love,
you're equipped for the task with strength from above.

And you may find these mountains
are more than rock and stone.
In that case, of course,
you'll head straight into the unknown.

*It's fuller there
in the faith-filled air.*

Out here things can happen
and frequently do
to people as fiery
and lovely as you.

And when things start to happen,
don't worry. Don't hide.
Just grab my hand.
You'll need a true guide.

OH!
THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

You'll be on your way up!
You'll be seeing new sights!
You'll join the faith climbers
who ascend to high heights.

You won't be hindered, because you'll have eyes fixed.
You'll meet many challenges and be glad to have risked.
Wherever you climb, you'll face the test.
Wherever you go, you will tackle the quest.

Except when you don't.
Because, sometimes, you won't.

*I'm sorry to say so,
but, sadly, it's true
that Trials
and Troubles
will happen to you.*

You can get all hung up
in a slip-ry slope.
Where your eyes will grow tired.
And you'll be left grasping for Hope.

You'll cry out for Hope
in this unpleasant space.
And the chances are, then,
that you'll find my abiding Grace.

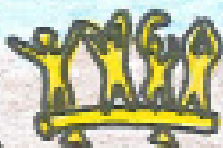
And when you're in my Grace,
your weak turns to strong.
For grace-filling yourself
helps you move right along.

You will come to a place where the path is not marked.
Where the clouds roll in and the sky is darked.
A place you face both your fears and doubts!
Do you dare to move on? Do you stay and put?
What will you lose? What will you be about?

For if you go on, you will stand in light...
even if maybe, one-and-a-quarter is hardly too bright.
It goes in and out and eases your mind.
Simply it is, I'm glad you will find,
enough for a blind-weary-wonderer to forget what's behind.

You can get so excited
that you'll start to go
down long wiggled ways at a break-necking flow
and carry on for days never needing to slow,
following my lead, toward a joyous life below.

The Living Life...



...for people just living.

Living in their Project Day
or out in their working ways,
or in their times of play
or out in the places they pray,
or in the there to there
or living in the way they care
or living in scriptural fare.
Everyone is just living.

Living in noontime Pondo eats
or living in step with the beat
or living on that Pearly street,
or living, no doubt, in ol' Estes Park
or a late night hour, or a Question-Mark
or a cold, cold shower, or an epic story
or a strength to empower, or Future Glory.
Everyone is just living.

YES!
That's life for you!

Somehow you'll engage
all this lighting and living.
You'll find the bright places
where Word Wonder is giving.

With refrain Sing-Singing,
once more you'll climb high!
Rejoicing for everything under the sky.
Rejoicing because there's sight in your eyes!

Oh, the places you'll go! There is life to be done!
There are joys to be stored! There are races to be run.
And the magical things you can do with my Call
will make you the running-est runner of all.
Free! You'll be free as free can be,
with long lengths of love propelling your walk with me.

Except when you're snared.
Because, sometimes, you'll err.

I'm afraid that some times you'll run gloomy races too.
Races you can't run 'cause you'll lose sight of the view.

Press on!
Whether you like it or not,
Pressing will be something
you'll do quite a lot.

And when you're pressing, there's a very good chance
you'll see things that scare you right out of your pants.
There are some, down the road between hither and yon,
that can scare you so much you won't want to go on.

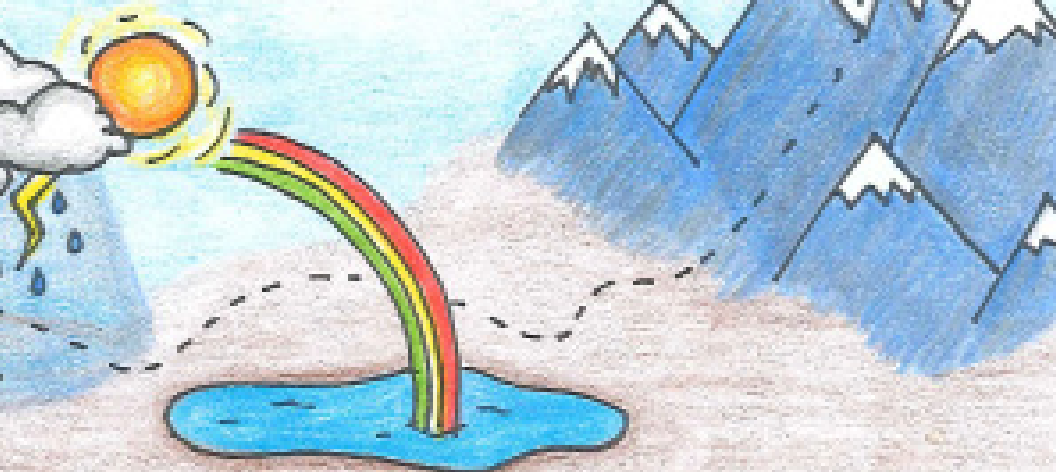
But on you must go
though the weather be foul.
On you must go
though the enemy grows.
On you must go
through the Prickly-Kraks prowl.
Onward up many a frightening creek,
though your arms may get sore
and your sneakers may leak.

*On and on you will hike.
And I know you'll hike far
as you look up to my face
no matter where you are.*

You'll be comforted, of course,
as you steadily go.
You'll be comforted
as many broken birds before you know.
So be sure when you step.
Step with trust and great tact
and remember that Life's a Great Blessing Act.
Just never forget to be faithful and just.
And remember that your time here is but a gust.

And will you lead?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(A cross, a nail and my blood guaranteed.)

BELOVED, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!
So...be your name Tiger or Illini
or Aggie or some other
mascot goofy and shaggy.
you're in a Great place!
This is LT!
You're mountain is waiting.
So...get out and see!



For out-starting upstarts attending Colorado Leadership Training, here is a graciously gentle and blessedly buoyant summer letter from the one and only Jesus of Nazareth. In his inspiring, assuring style he addresses the Great Blessing Act (life itself, and the ups and downs that come during a summer at LT) while encouraging LTer's to foster the faith that lies within them.

This joyous ode to the LT experience was inspired by the theme of this summer's program: morph. Hence, he morphs a Dr. Suess' classic and in the process describes the morphing that takes place during 11 weeks at the YMCA of the Rockies.

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