## Prayer

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EARLY, EARLY IN THE MORN SHE COMES LORD REALITY SAYING:

"RISE, RISE, TAKE YOUR PLACE AMONG THE BATTERED.

FACE THE CONCRETE JUNGLE THOUGH YOUR DREAMS BE

SHATTERED,"

AND THE BROKEN GLASS OF LIFE CRUMBLES UNDER FOOT.

IT IS STILL I REFUSING TO BOW OUT THAT KEEPETH MYSELF IN REIN.

EVEN HAND, FEET SPIRIT ENTANGLED IN THE VICIOUS THORNS AND BARBS.

SPIRIT OF HAPPINESS LEAD ME OUT OF THIS PITCH BLACK FOREST OF VINES, UNDERGROWTH, SO THICK.

BUT WAIT! I HAVE A MACHETE CALLED HOPE VERY SOON I WILL HACK MY WAY TO VICTORY AND DRINK THE HEAVY WINE OF SUCCESS.

MAN MUST RECALL THROUGH THE AGES THAT NO ONE WILL LEAD YOU OUT OF THE DARK FOREST.

YOU WILL LEAD ON YOUR OWN AND BY YOUR LEADING YOU MAY BECOME A LEADER.

AND BY YOUR TOILS MEN AROUND WILL REJOICE FOR IF ANY MAN SORROWS HE WILL BEGET SORROW IN RETURN.

SO BE OF GLAD HEART.

WE ARE ALL DIVINE CREATIONS OF INFINITE DESIGN.

EVERY GOOD DEED RINGS OUT LIKE A THOUSAND BELLS SOUNDING FOR ALL AGES THE MAJESTY OF THE SPIRIT, GOD, AND HIS MAN.