

## Pathways

Imagine, my precious, wondering child  
What your life may be  
Which way your journey's path may lead  
To your destiny

Your future like the sky at night  
Is boundless, bright, and vast  
Where mingled with the stars are dreams  
Innumerably amassed

For one day you may travel far  
To glorious, distant lands  
Where with the kindred souls you meet  
You'll join your hearts and hands

To build upon each other's strengths  
Advancing each one's course  
From hanging gardens of ideas  
Nourished by the source

Of fresh-sprung hope and blooming courage,  
In cities great and small  
Who against the odds and unseen snares  
Dare to risk it all

In varied tongues you may extol  
The treasures of our lands  
In markets ripe with hard-won goods  
To meet the world's demands

How bright you'll shine in people's lives  
What joy you may redeem  
When bold you dare to venture forth  
Where others only dream

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