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*They who tread the path of labor follow where my feet
have trod;*

*They who work without complaining do the holy will of
God.*

*Where the many toil together, there am I alone my own;
Where the tired workman sleepeth, there am I with him
alone.*

*I, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwell amid the daily
strife;*

*I, the bread of heaven, am broken in the sacrament of life.
Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and mercy, done to man, is done to me.
Nevermore thou needest seek me; I am with thee every-
where;*

*Raise the stone and thou shalt find me; cleave the wood,
and I am there.*

---Henry van Dyke, in "The Toiling of Felix."