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Accept my hand into yours
And let us go lightly, for
We are children of the universe,
The children of God,
No less than the stars and on equal
Terms with the trees;
And whether or not it is at all clear to us,
Be aware that the universe is unfolding
As it should;
Therefore Be at Peace!
Let us go placidly, with eyes opened,
Among the noise and haste and be on good
Terms, you and I, with all persons,
For we are all the children
we are all the children
Of the stars of the universe of God.
And let us not forget for a moment
That the noisy confusion
of life
With all its disgrace, drudgery and
Broken dreams
Is just an illusion; For, in truth,
The world is a beautiful place.
Let us go, then.
Let us walk.
Let us strive to be happy.

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