"O brothers! if my faith is vain. If hopes like these betray, Pray for me, that my feet may gain, The sure and safer way.

And thou, O Lord, by whom are seen. Thy creatures as they be,
Forgive me, if too close I lean,
My human heart on Thee!"

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy (Pslm. 103, 8).

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"By death, some men understand endless torments in hell-fire. But it seems a strange way of understanding a law which requires the plainest and directest words that by death should be meant eternal life in misery. Can any one be supposed to intend by a law which says, 'For felony thou shalt surely die,' not that he should lose his life, but be kept alive in exquisite and perpetual torments?"

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