

## Day 13: Poem – Journey of the Magi

### Quote

**Press forward. Do not stop, do not linger in your journey, but strive for the mark set before you. George Whitefield**

### Bible Verse

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.  
Isaiah 42:16

### Inspiration

A Spaceman Came Travelling

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTOExKB6PQQ>

### Poem Journey of the Magi T S Eliot

A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The was deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter."  
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires gong out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty, and charging high prices.:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;

With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we lead all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
We had evidence and no doubt. I have seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.

## **Journaling**

What hardships have you encountered in life? How have you dealt with them?

## **Technique Challenge**

Make your own crown stamp

Here's a video on how to make a stamp from a stencil

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=AQBzYYCy7M0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=AQBzYYCy7M0)

But you can use lots of other ways. Cut shapes into an eraser.

[http://balzerdesigns.typepad.com/balzer\\_designs/2009/12/weekend-blogging-and-a-hand-carved-stamp-tutorial.html](http://balzerdesigns.typepad.com/balzer_designs/2009/12/weekend-blogging-and-a-hand-carved-stamp-tutorial.html)

\*Use a piece of polystyrene and draw into it with a ballpoint pen.

\*Take a piece of thick card and stick shapes onto it. Cover with gel medium and leave to dry before using it.