The Name We Have Begun to Know

The Name we have begun to know is not a hammer, fiercely raised to nail a point, or strike a blow. It is a valentine divine, a love-song, a love-song for singing gently, and in praise, as day-by-day we learn the art of giving thanks, admitting wrong, forgiving harm, attempting peace, and growing into love.

The Record that conveys the Name is not a court of high appeal to settle every warring claim.

It is a valentine divine, a story of glory resisted, yet to faith revealed, as day-by-day we shape the skills of giving thanks, admitting wrong, forgiving harm, attempting peace, and growing into love.

The Faith that's by the Record grown is not a ticket to success nor yet a product that we own.

It is a valentine divine, a love-guide through change, confusion, and distress, as day-by-day we sense the pow'r of giving thanks, admitting wrong, forgiving harm, attempting peace, and growing into love.

The People that the Faith collects are not a mirror where our gaze enjoys the likeness it expects.

They are a valentine divine to move us, reprove us, inspire, enliven, and amaze, as day-by-day we share the joy of giving thanks, admitting wrong, forgiving harm, attempting peace, and growing into love.

An Interfaith Hymn
respecting all divine images,
sacred writings,
faith identities,
and human diversity
as expressions of love.

-Brian Wren

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