**Homing by a Different Road**  
*After Matthew 2:12*   
How good to be reminded  
having finally found  
the Source of the Light  
that the wise way home  
is often by an  
unknown, untried,  uncharted way  
   
(not the old way; we tried that)  
   
Mapless  
we may find we  
waver  
falter  
fumble  
stumble  
but we hold fast  
as we discern  
(if we keep our eyes open to  
this interior light, this homing star)  
that do not travel this way alone.  
We did not enter the doors that lead to the deeper darker depths  
alone.  
We do not discern the way ahead  
alone  
We do not seek our heart’s home  
alone.  
We are accompanied by countless wise and strong ones,  
hurting, seeking ones,  
healing, thriving ones  
questioning ones, like us  
a teeming cloud of witnesses  
also mapless and provisionless  
offering the gift of companionship  
in the grace that comes to those  
who together walk this pilgrim way  
to the homes of our souls.  
   
We stand in holy places.  
We move through holy spaces.  
The whole world is charged  
with the grandeur of this homing Light.  
   
This beckoning light  
quietly confides that  
where we stand is holy,  
where we walk is holy,  
where this journey leads is holy.  
   
How good to be reminded that  
all shall be well  
in the dazzling darkness  
at the still point  
of this churning world  
as we lead each other home  
to do the work  
we have been given to do.  
   
RSC  
Advent to Epiphany 2023

*Oasis Ministries for Spiritual Development PrayerNote 18.12.2023*