**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.

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