

What do I owe my brother,  
As we journey day by day?  
Both striving to reach the Kingdom;  
Both walking the narrow way.  
I must not judge him harshly,  
Nay, I must not judge at all;  
For the Father does all judging,  
And to him we stand or fall.

What do I owe my brother,  
When he falters under a load  
Of unwilling imperfections,  
That hinders him on the road?  
I must show the same sweet patience,  
That the Father has with me;  
For I, too, carry a burden,  
That others can plainly see.

Do I owe my brother service?  
Oh, yes; to laying down  
Of life itself, if need be,  
To help him win his crown.  
Is he weak? I must support him;  
Be his loving, helpful friend;  
Must remove all stones of stumbling,  
Must not cause him to offend.

Is my brother poor and needy,  
While I have a goodly store?  
I must share my food and shelter  
When he comes to my open door.  
For all the Father giveth,  
Is only bestowed on me,  
To use as his faithful steward,  
Wherever the need may be.

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Should my brother seek to injure,  
I would not be justified  
In making it private scandal,  
Or spreading it far and wide;  
But go in a loving spirit,  
And the matter before him lay;  
And thus I could win my brother,  
And both keep the narrow way.

For I dare not nurse resentment;  
But in peace, with my brother live.  
And I dare not pray 'Forgive me',  
Till I from the heart forgive.  
In honour, I must prefer him,  
And true humility show;  
For he who would be exalted,  
Must first in lowliness grow.

I owe to my brother, always,  
A fervent, unfeigned love.  
Abounding, and yet abounding,  
In likeness to that above.  
A love that thinks no evil;  
A love that suffereth long;  
A love that never faileth,  
And seeketh not her own.

I must pray for my brother, daily,  
That he may have needed grace,  
To triumph in every battle,  
And finish with joy his race.  
Dear Father, may we be helpful  
To each other, day by day;  
Until we reach the Kingdom,  
At the end of the narrow way.

—Rebecca Fair Doney.