I Do Not Ask, O Lord

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1. I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be \( \text{A pleasant road;} \)
2. I do not ask that flow'rs should al\( \text{ways spring;} \)
3. I know too well the poison and the sting \( \text{Of things too sweet.} \)
4. I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed \( \text{Full radiance here;} \)
5. I do not ask my cross to un\( \text{derstand, My way to see;} \)

Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread \( \text{Without a fear,} \)

Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand, And follow Thee.
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3. For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead; Lead me a-right,

6. Joy is like restless day, but peace divine Like quiet night.

Tho' strength should fal-ter, and tho' heart should bleed, Thru peace to light.

Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine, Thru peace to light. A-men.