

A NEW BEGINNING?

What must I do to start over again?
What do I have to forsake to begin?
The hearth is so warm...
Am I hearing a storm
Waiting to break as I'm stepping outside—
Soaked in a downpour, with nowhere to hide,
If I start over again?

What does it mean to launch into the deep?
What if I sink, or get lost, or lose sleep?
The shore is so nice,
But the water's like ice!
What if my vessel is not fit to sail?
What if I falter and fumble and fail,
If I launch into the deep?

What will it cost to remain where I am?
What a sad shame to succumb to a sham:
His call is so clear—
Do I waver in fear?
What if God's blessing is lifted from me?
What if no longer His vision I see,
If I remain where I am?

— *David L. Hatton, 6/15/2000*