

sanctity and mightiest exemplar and guide in the stern but lovely life of the Christian spirit."<sup>14</sup>

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## I TO MY BELOVED

BEDE SULLIVAN, O.P.

Oh! I shall walk the chosen way,  
 Nor proud in pain nor ask for pay.

To walk the path You marked in red,  
 Content with silence for my bread.

Oh! I shall pray with fallen men  
 Before they breathe their last amen,

To gather fruit within each hand,  
 To give of love nor love demand.

Oh! I am poor in kingly purse,  
 Mine be the gall and hated curse.

But I am free and I am I  
 And I shall love until I die.

Oh! I have heard of vain regret  
 And I have seen the unpaid debt.

Eternity! How lowly priced!  
 When love were pay enough for Christ.