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ARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN was educated as a Calvinist and ordained in the English Church when twenty-three; but six years after, in 1830, he broke with Evangelicism, and resigned his vicarship of St. Mary's.

Three years later, on a trip up the Mediterranean with his father and Froude, he wrote the smaller poems published in the "Lyra Apostolica." Deeply religious, "his soul was at that time passing through remarkable experiences," and "Lead, Kindly Light," was written when recovering from a severe attack of fever and while becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio on an orange boat bound for Marseilles. Twelve years later, in 1845, he joined the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1879 was created a Cardinal. He died in 1890.



Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead **Thou** me on ;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead **Thou** me on.
Keep **Thou** my feet ; I do not ask to see
The distant scene ; one step enough for me.





I was not eber thus, nor pray'd that **Thou**
Shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead **Thou** me on.

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will : remember not past years.





So long **Thy** power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone ;
And with the morn those **Angel** faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.



First system of a musical score. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/2. The treble staff begins with three accents (>) over the first three notes. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords and rests.

Second system of the musical score. It consists of two staves. The key signature remains two flats and the time signature 3/2. A piano dynamic marking (*p*) is present in the treble staff. The notation continues with various rhythmic patterns and chordal structures.

Third system of the musical score. It consists of two staves. The key signature is two flats and the time signature is 3/2. A crescendo marking (*cres.*) is placed in the treble staff. The music shows a gradual increase in volume and complexity in the harmonic texture.

Fourth system of the musical score. It consists of two staves. The key signature is two flats and the time signature is 3/2. The notation continues with a variety of rhythmic and harmonic elements, including some longer note values and complex chordal arrangements.



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