

I Walk With Love Along the Way

Andrew loved to go for walks by himself around the block in his neighborhood. He was just 6 years old but he wasn't afraid of getting lost because he knew that God was his closest friend, and He was always with him.

Soon, the summer was over and it was time for Andrew to start school in the first grade. It was his first time going to school because there hadn't been to a kindergarten where he lived. The school was not far from his house, and he would have to cross busy streets to get there. But the school had safety patrol guards at all the street intersections so Andrew was not at all afraid to cross. It was such a fun adventure, and every day Andrew got to school and back home without any problems.

Each morning, before Andrew went to school, his mother told him, "God is Love and is everywhere, and you are never out of God's care." Then Andrew would feel God's love for him and off to school he would go.

One day, Andrew was invited to his friend Johnny's house for lunch. It was a long walk to Johnny's house on streets that Andrew had never been on before. Everything started out great with Johnny and Andrew walking together down the sidewalk. But then something happened. For no reason, Johnny ran on ahead. He went so fast that Andrew could not catch up with him. Soon, Andrew could not see Johnny anymore, and he was left alone to figure out how to get to Johnny's house.

At first, fearful thoughts appeared at the door of Andrew's thinking. But instead of crying and being afraid, he shut out those wrong thoughts and began to listen for God's angel thoughts. He kept repeating the words, "I walk with Love along the way," and he kept saying these words over and over again as he kept walking along. He still did not know where he was going, but he kept walking anyway.

Soon, Andrew could see one of the safety patrol boys coming along the same street that Andrew was on. Andrew went up to him and asked him, "Can you tell me where Johnny's house is located?"

The big boy said: "Sure. I'll take you there. It is near to where I live." When Andrew and the older boy got to Johnny's house, there on the porch was Johnny. He and his mother had been waiting for Andrew, and they were so glad to see him. Johnny told Andrew that he was very sorry he had run ahead. After they had lunch and were on their way back to school, Johnny made sure that he walked right along side Andrew.

After school, when Andrew told his mother the story, they both thanked God for being with Andrew and for taking care of him.



Hymn #139 "I walk with Love along the way, and O, it is a holy day; no more I suffer cruel fear, I feel God's presence with me here.