

Bridges of Love

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*Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my god.
Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.
The Lord do so to me, and more also,
If anything but death parts you and me.*

*“Basher tamooti amoot vesham ekaver,
Ki hamavet yafrid beinech hooveini.”*

-Ruth 1:16-17

*Once I knew the depth where no hope was,
and darkness lay on the face of all things.
Then love came and set my soul free.
Once I fretted and beat myself against the wall that shut me in.
My life was without a past or future;
and death a consummation devoutly to be wished.
But a little word from the fingers of another
fell into my hands that clutched at emptiness,
and my heart leaped up with the rapture of living.
I do not know the meaning of the darkness,
But I have learned the overcoming of it.*

- Helen Keller

*Go and wash off all hatred from your chest
Seven times with water.
Then you can become our companion
Drinking from the wine of love.*

-Rumi

