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Robert Cundick

Moderately

1. He left to other men the path, to

2. Though life was filled with joy and pain, with

3. Temptations offered subtle cures for

4. He earned the sweetest word known—Peace—

wealth that turns to clay; He left to others

struggle and delay; He never challenged

ills and time to pay; He stripped the mask off

striving day to day to live to the last

hate and wrath and sought the gentle way.

God's design, but chose the gentle way.

ugly lures and kept the gentle way.

breath's release in love, the gentle way.

*This new hymn, with words by Edward L. Hart of the English Department of Brigham Young University and music by Robert Cundick, Salt Lake Tabernacle organist, was performed by the Tabernacle Choir on its regular CBS broadcast of Sunday, September 8, 1968. Dedicated to President David O. McKay, on whose birthday it was sung, the hymn was again performed in his honor by the Tabernacle Choir on the day of his death, Sunday, January 18, 1970.
The Gentle Way  (Dedicated to President David O. McKay)

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He left to other men the path
   To wealth, that turns to clay;
He left to others hate and wrath,
   And sought the gentle way.

Though life was filled with joy and pain,
   With struggle and delay,
He never challenged God’s design,
   But chose the gentle way.

Temptations offered subtle cures
   For ills, and time to pay;
He stripped the mask off ugly lures,
   And kept the gentle way.

He earned the sweetest word known—peace,
   Striving day by day
To live to the last breath’s release
   In love, the gentle way.