

## **Lex Zaleta**

# **"A Bedtime Prayer"**

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If I should die  
Before I rise,  
I pray the Lord  
Give you my eyes.  
To see the world  
The way I do,  
To see what's right,  
To know what's true.  
To laugh at loss,  
To smile at pain;  
To stare them down  
And start again.  
To see the weak  
And see the poor,  
And find a way  
To give them more.  
To see when you  
Should charge ahead;  
To see when you  
Should wait instead.  
To watch for love,  
To sidestep hate;  
To be yourself,  
Not imitate.  
To see that God  
Is next to you,  
And that He sees  
All that you do --  
Sees what I see  
When I see you.  
If I should die  
Before I rise,  
I pray the Lord  
Give you my eyes.

If you should live  
For many days,  
I pray the Lord  
Will guide your ways.  
To keep your feet  
Upon the trail,  
To help you meet

The test, not fail.  
To show you how  
A man should walk,  
And how his talk  
Should match his walk.  
To find your way  
Among the rocks,  
Around the doves,  
And past the hawks.  
Never driven  
By ticking clocks;  
Never shut out  
By man-made locks.  
Never to quit,  
Never to fail,  
Always nearer  
To your grail.  
Always gentle,  
Forever sweet;  
Finding the good  
In all you meet --  
Including me --  
On golden streets.  
If you should live  
For many days,  
I pray the Lord  
Will guide your ways.

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