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As every flower fades and as all youth
departs, so life at every stage,
so every virtue, so our grasp of truth,
blooms in its day and may not last forever.
Since life may summon us at every age
be ready, heart, for parting, new endeavour,
be lead bravely and without remorse
to find new light that old ties cannot give.
In all beginnings dwells a wondrous force
for guarding us and helping us to live.

Hermann Hesse (Stufen)

Whenever new life is approaching it asks us to create a space for it, to clear away what has served us so far, but is no longer useful for the future. This can be in our thought life, where we need to let go of old patterns, or in our feelings, which need to come into movement again, or in our deeds, which may need to flow out of the will to serve future humanity.

Every ending is informed by a new beginning, and by letting the new life shine into the forms familiar to us it becomes easier to let them go and embrace what is to come. We are preparing for a new Advent after this coming week and it is already shining into the end of this year's cycle of the seasons.

This year has been a time of apocalypse and revelation, which has made us question what is essential in our lives and how we can live in the future. Where does our essential nourishment come from and who decides on the priorities of what is available? I look forward to living by a new light (Rev 22),



Sabine