



Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

**We are, quite naturally, impatient in everything,
to reach the end without delay.**

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

That it is made by passing through

Some stages of instability—

And that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.

Your ideas mature gradually—

Let them grow,

let them take shape themselves without undue haste.



Don't try to force them in, as though you

could be today what time

(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)

will make you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit

gradually forming within you will be.

Give our Lord the benefit of believing that

God's hand is leading you,

And accept the anxiety of

Feeling yourself in suspense

and incomplete.