

The Gentle Way (Dedicated to President David O. McKay)

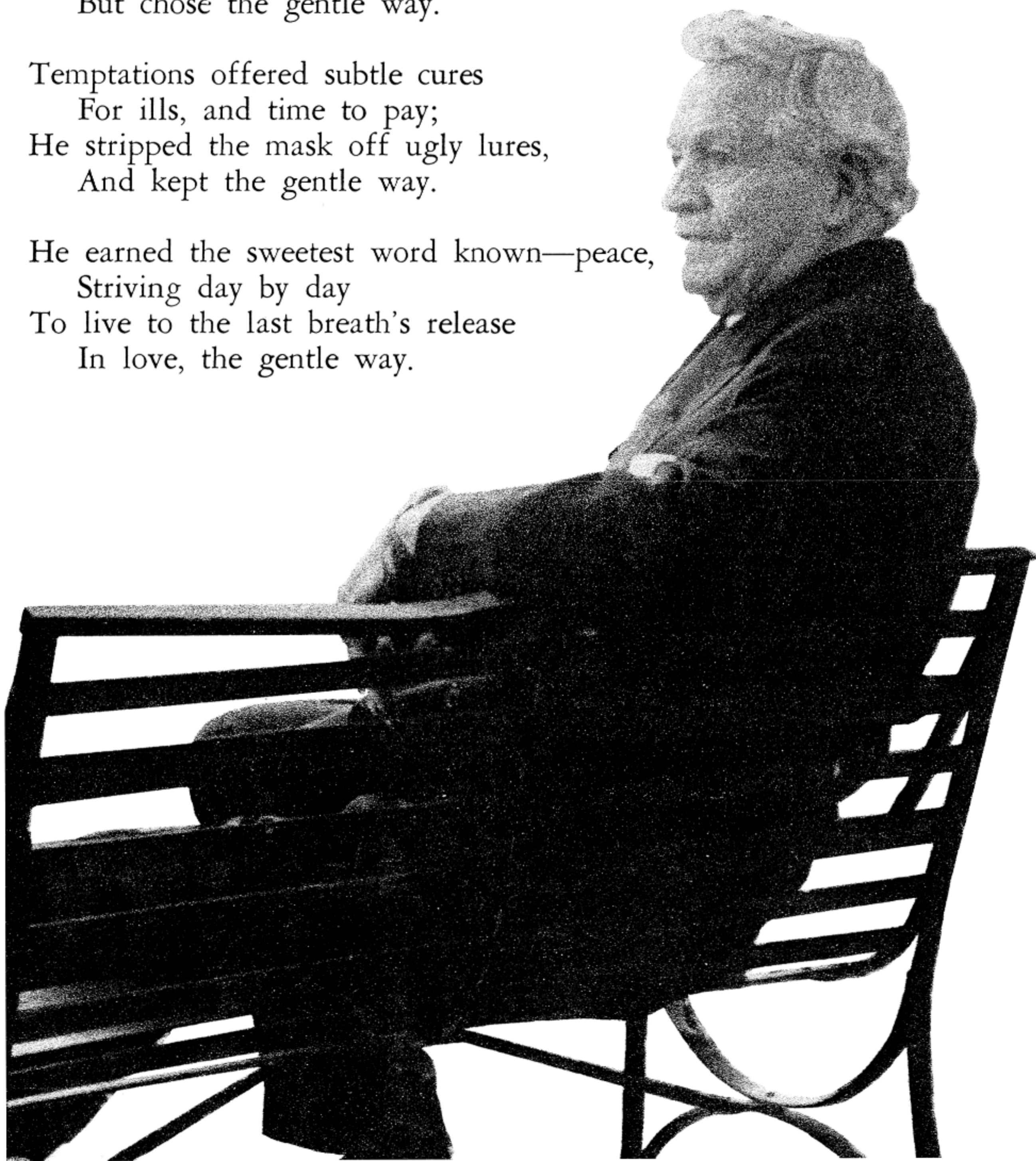
Edward L. Hart

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.



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Moderately

1. He left to oth - er men the path, to
2. Though life was filled with joy and pain, with
3. Temp - ta - tions of - ferred sub - tle cures for
4. He earned the sweet - est word known - Peace -

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/2 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

wealth that turns to clay; He left to oth - ers
strug - gle and de - lay; He nev - er chal - lenged
ills and time to pay; He stripped the mask off
striv - ing day to day to live to the last

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

hate and wrath and sought the gen - tle way.
God's de - sign, but chose the gen - tle way.
ug - ly lures and kept the gen - tle way.
breath's re - lease in love, the gen - tle way.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

*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.