



Standing before Carl Bloch's Painting Christ Healing the Sick at the Pool of Bethesda

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In the house of mercy,
Compassion, larger than life,
more powerful than
angel-troubled waters,
lifts the veil of illness,
impotence, strengthens
heart and legs, and
after thirty-eight infirm years,
makes them whole.

In Sabbath grace
Thou callest me
from my multitude of fears
to come from beneath
the cover of disbelief
into Thy healing light.
Heeding Thy command,
Rise, take up thy bed,
I will walk.