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

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.