

To Kimba
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It's not always easy to try something new.
It takes a strong head and a strong heart too.
The old ways are easy, like a worn pair of shoes,
Ever willing to walk, whenever you choose.

The new ways are foreign and fraught with fright,
Like an old, dark house on a cold, rainy night.
It takes steely nerves to open that door.
When it seems so different from where you've been before.

But once through the door, you find a warm glow inside.
And much of great interest as fears soon subside.
For the places we fear and try to ignore,
Are often the richest ones to explore.

As together we set out to explore our new ways,
And work hard to make the best of our days,
I'm proud of the character that I see in you,
And the courage and grace in everything you do.