



Bitte

Kraft, darnach zu trachten
Alles Leben zu beachten,
zu beachten !
Und Behutsamkeit im Umgang
mit allem Leben
Sei mir gegeben.

Stella Rotenberg (1915 - 2013)

Plea

Pray grant me the strength
to want to take
notice of everything in life
and the wish to treat
all living things
gently.

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by Donal McLaughlin and Stephen Richardson*

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