“In Beauty May I Walk”

In beauty may I walk
All day long may I walk
Through the returning seasons may I walk
Beautifully will I possess again
Beautifully birds
Beautifully joyful birds
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk
With dew about my feet may I walk
With beauty may I walk
With beauty before me may I walk
With beauty behind me may I walk
With beauty above me may I walk
With beauty all around me may I walk
In old age
wandering on a trail of beauty
lively may I walk
In old age
wandering on a trail of beauty,
living again may I walk
It is finished in beauty
It is finished in beauty.

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from the Navajo (translated by Jerome K. Rothenberg)

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