In every beginning

In every beginning there is always before
To every previous action, a prior thought.
To each milestone, an intention.

The journey begins, and begins, and is always beginning.

This gathering place receives us,
From every place and background.
Many steps have led to this point.
Places and people we have been,
Lead us to now.
Lead us to this next stride.

May our footprints leave a greater impression
on our hearts than on the earth.
May our walking lead us on deeper journeys,
The discovery of new vistas,
And fresh encounters.

Let this pilgrimage
Mould us and shape us,
Inform us and reform us.

Speak to us, in stillness and in motion,
The revelation that in every beginning,
God has already begun.