

DON'T GO ASTRAY

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1. They can starve you,
they can torture and torment you —
till heaven and earth pass away.
They can rob you,
tear your heart apart and crush you,
they may whip you to mold you to "obey!"
But you know where the line of integrity is drawn:
in your heart you know the mark,
you can walk it in the dark —
no matter what they do to you
and whatever price you must pay . . .
No matter what *they* do to you,
you must never go astray.

[INSTRUMENTAL]

REFRAIN: Don't stray from the root of integrity
tempted to reach out for the fruit of that other tree;
waters there are black, it's a hard road back —
even if they take your life away,
don't go astray . . .
They're calling you for another fiery trial,
one that will last more than a while.
But even if that lasts forever,
even if they take your life and never pay . . .
Even if they steal all your dreams,
don't go astray.

[INSTRUMENTAL – REFRAIN SECTION]

2. And the prized jewel
is to live the golden rule —
the centerpiece, the heart, the soul.
Did you think you could stray, for even just a day ?
and get back on track with righteousness your goal . . .
But things are not the same once you adulterate your name:
can't get back on the mark,
after flirting with the dark,
there are consequences of that spark
and just *who* did *you* betray ? (Think about it . . .) *
Whatever *they* do to you, you know
you must never go astray.

[REPEAT REFRAIN]

[REPEAT LAST 6 LINES OF REFRAIN]

[VAMP ON "YOU MUST NEVER GO ASTRAY" – FADEOUT]

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* Parenthetical, state it, not sung