## GOD DESIRED ME SO I CAME CLOSE

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

No one can near God unless God has prepared a bed for you.

A thousand souls hear God's call every second, but most every one then looks into their life's mirror says, "I am not worthy to leave this sadness."

When I first heard God's courting song, I too Looked at all I had done in my life and said,

"How can I gaze into God's omnipresent eyes?"

I spoke those words with

all my heart,

but then God sang again, a song even sweeter, and when I tried to shame myself once more from God's presence

God showed me God's compassion and spoke a divine truth,

"I made you, dear, and all I make is perfect.

Please come close, for I

desire

you."