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My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Today is the anniversary of the death by accidental electrocution of Thomas Merton (1915-1968).

For anyone unfamiliar with his life and writings, here are his books.

In the Dark Before Dawn: New Selected Poems of Thomas Merton, includes "For My Brother: Reported Missing in Action, 1943", and many of his other early poems.

Merton's most famous book was his autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, published in 1948. Here is a first edition for sale, "SIGNED BY THOMAS MERTON on the title page (further enhanced by a cross after his name)" for \$9500.

To hear the voice of Thomas Merton, novice master at Gethsemani Abbey, lecturing the novices on Bernard of Clairvaux, click here.

For information about the addition of Thomas Merton to the Anglican calendar of saints and about Merton's relatives' connections with Christ's College in Christchurch, New Zealand, click here.

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