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I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...

- A CREED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED -

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...

I asked for health, that I might do greater things

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...

I asked for riches, that I might be happy

I was given poverty, that I might be wise...

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...

I got nothing that I asked for-but everything I had hoped for Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all men, most richly blessed!

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