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Sacred

Our shoes are sacred.

So many times do we hear of holy opportunities
To cast off our shoes,
For where we are standing is holy ground.
What if, perhaps, our shoes are the holy ground?

Our shoes take us places.
They take us through moments of deepest sadness,
Where we find ourselves
Wandering in the shadows.

They take us to moments of highest ecstasy,
Standing at the edge of a giant cliff
Overlooking the farthest horizons and, in fact,
Our sheer mortality.

They curl beneath us as we fall to our knees,
Offering us underlying support—
A loving, subtle embrace—
When the ground beneath feels shaky.

Falling apart at the stitches,
They rip and tear with use as we
Navigate life's greatest challenges,
Burdens, and callings.

So, therefore, I say to you:
Keep your shoes on.
Where your feet abide
Is with the holy.