

Module Four

Second Week of the Exercises

READ

⇒ Pages 129-142 of 'The Ignatian Adventure' by Kevin O'Brien SJ

As Kingfishers Catch fire

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

*As Kingfishers catch fire, dragonflies draw flame;
As tumbled over rim in roundy wells
Stones ring; like each tucked string tells, each hung bell's
Bow swung finds tongue to fling out broad its name;
Each mortal thing does one thing and the same:
Deals out that being indoors each one dwells;
Selves – goes itself; myself it speaks and spells,
Crying *Whát I dó is me: for that I came.**

*I say more: the just man justices;
Keeps grace: that keeps all his goings graces;
Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is –
Christ – for Christ plays in ten thousand places,
Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his
To the Father through the features of men's faces.*

MAXIMS

Maxim 1: God is constantly seeking us. We seek to be found. All interruptions are invitations.

Maxim 2: Love is shown in actions more than feelings and words.



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Gitanjali

You Came Down

Rabindranath Tagore

You came down from your throne and stood at my cottage door.

I was singing all alone in a corner, and the melody caught your ear. You came down and stood at my cottage door.

Masters are many in your hall, and songs are sung there at all hours. But the simple carol of this novice struck at your love.

One plaintive little strain mingled with the great music of the world, and with a flower for a prize you came down and stopped at my cottage door.

