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## Here's to New Beginnings

Here's to the morning that waits beyond the gates  
The soft light spilling across familiar halls  
You have walked through rain and laughter  
Gathered small certainties from uncertain days  
And now the doors open wide

Here's to the stillness before the applause  
To the breath you take before you rise  
It is enough, this knowing  
That you have arrived at an edge  
And the edge is not an ending

Listen  
The world is calling you by name  
Its voice a river, its current sure and kind

Step in  
The water is cold, yes  
But it carries you forward  
Bears your courage and your dreams  
To shores you cannot yet imagine

And when you leave  
Turn once  
Look at what you have created  
And let gratitude rest quietly in your chest

Then go on  
Light-footed  
Open-hearted  
Ready for the wild, astonishing beginning  
That is entirely, unapologetically yours

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