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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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