Heaven's Pearls

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Life's a strain of painful things to be overcome
We mark the mile by our trials and suffer everyone
But hold them near and keep them dear and don't be ashamed
Trials of the world are all heaven's pearls
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We gather scars from tangled bars that catch under the skin
The friction burns as they turn working deeper in
But day by day sharp edges fade, smooth, burnished and fine
Trials of the world are all heaven's pearls

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