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*Come, come, whoever you are.
Wonderer, worshipper, lover of leaving.
It doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken your vow
a thousand times
Come, yet again, come, come.*

Rumi

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Series Editors' Preface

The philosophy of religion has experienced a welcome re-vitalisation over the last fifty years or so and is now thriving. Our hope with the *Palgrave Frontiers in Philosophy of Religion* series is to contribute to the continued vitality of the philosophy of religion by producing works that truly break new ground in the field.

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