We are Going to Jerusalem

"We are going to Jerusalem" Jesus said,
Where suffering and death now lie ahead."
Such things Peter did not want to see,
So he said to Jesus, "This must not be."
Jesus replied, "Satan, leave! Get out of the way!
You're blocking the path I travel today."

Now it would be easy to join in the song
Chastising Peter for getting it wrong.
Yet he took a risk of personal loss
And did not fear confronting the boss.
Isn't that the role of a good Number Two,
To offer up a variant view?

Even though wrong, Peter opened the door
for Jesus to teach and say some more:
"To truly live, be wiling to give;
place neighbor's need above your greed;
treat all others as sisters and brothers;
let ego die and self deny."

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