



## The Bridge Builders

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Your involvement is simple - no dues, obligations, or solicitations. It does allow us to thank you and recognize you for the plans you have made, and it may inspire generosity in others. The most important benefit, however, you will receive from being a Bridge Builder is the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to the long-term prosperity of the WCMS Foundation.

### **The Bridge Builder**

*An old man going a lone highway  
Came at the evening cold and gray  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fears for him,  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your time with building here.  
You never again will pass this way  
Your journey will end with the closing day.  
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide:  
Why build you this bridge at eventide?”*

*The builder lifted his old gray head,  
“Good friend, in the way that I’ve come,” he said  
“There followeth after me today,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This stream that has been as naught to me  
To the fair-haired youth might a pitfall be,  
He too must cross in the twilight dim:  
Good friend, I’m building the bridge for him.”*