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One Too Many Decisions

The stone of my life
embedded in the walkway
once polished, smooth, accomplished,
now is worn, even scratched in places.
Raindrops are falling, darkening its surface.
Soon strangers, unaware, will trod on it.

Perhaps it will be taken up
and letters chiseled in:
“Here lies ...”
dead by indecision.

“Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I...”
stayed in the fork
and crumbled into nothingness.

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