



**A Poetic Rendering of  
The First Principle and Foundation  
Of Ignatius Loyola**

Love made me –  
Love sustains me –  
Love leads me forth.

For this I sing praise,  
bow low, and put  
my life at the disposal  
of Love.

Every tree – every  
single star in the sky  
points back toward  
the Beloved.

May nothing pull me  
away from Love – no  
small wish of mine  
next to the immensity  
of the Beloved.

With the Beloved  
may I shine.

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