

An Endless Valley Far and Wide

Ekphrastic Poem for

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With holy guidance on our side, An endless
valley far and wide

This vast new world is ours for keeps, As the
native people quickly sleep

Rivers, Mountains, Plains and Dunes, All will
be ours very soon

With holy guidance on our side, An endless
valley far and wide

We go by boat, by horse, and by train too, As
we search for something new

These endless plains promise life, With each
new day, a sharper knife

With holy guidance by our side , An endless
valley far and wide

A vast new life is what we seek, As we cross
these snowy peaks

The mountainous walls are behind us now, As
all this rain comes falling down

With guidance by our side, An endless valley
far and wide

We found what we seek on our quest, In our
journey to the West

With the grasp of heaven holding tight,
We've hit a wall of water's might