Weakness
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In her ballad, "Weakness," Terri Good responds to the Christian theology text she read in her Honors Colloquium (HONR 10297) class. Based on the assignment given by Dr. Terry Sosnowski, Good contrasts the value of "strength" with the virtue of "weakness." Good points out that even though the "strength" of being "weak" may be negatively regarded in today's society, we should still follow Jesus Christ's example and strive to serve others with an attitude of meekness and humility.

My mind has labeled weakness
A curse upon my race.
A nameless shackle keeping me
A step behind first place.

But lately I have seen the wise
Living day to day
Not always finding inner strength
The strong man's way.

Can weakness be their inner strength?
Can failure be their prize?
Does weakness have an honored place
That few may realize?

Strong we want to be today,
We search in every sense,
To gain a new experience
Or jump another fence.

Now how to find that inner strength,
That only finds its guide
In being humble, looking weak,
And not ashamed you've cried.

A true example Jesus gave
His strength in being weak
He served the blind, was crucified,
His nature, true but meek.

But then with courage death to face
No weakness in our eyes
Knowing hope is not dissolved—
Beyond the treasure lies.