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### Finding My Faith

#### I. Introduction

- a. Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. (King)
- b. John Donne and Gerard Manley Hopkins were both men who were profoundly impacted by their faith.

#### II. Body Paragraph 1 (Donne)

- a. At First John Donne's faith led him to perceive death as something to be feared, but he realizes because of his faith towards the end of his life that we kill death when we go to heaven and death is not something to fear.
- b. "Death before doth cast/Such terror, and my feeble flesh doth waste/By sin in it, which it towards hell doth weigh." (6-8)
- c. "Death be not proud, though some have called thee/Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so...One short sleep past, we wake eternally,/And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die." (1-2, 13-14)
- d. Death is not the only aspect of John Donne's life that is impacted by his faith.

#### III. Body Paragraph 2 (Donne)

- a. Topic Sentence
- b. CD
- c. CD

- d. Transition Sentence
- IV. Body Paragraph 3 (Hopkins)
- a. Topic Sentence
  - b. CD
  - c. CD
  - d. Transition Sentence
- V. Body Paragraph 4 (Hopkins)
- a. Topic Sentence
  - b. CD
  - c. CD
- VI. Conclusion
- a. Hopkins and Donne both saw their faith playing a major role in each of their lives.
  - b. Without faith, some people might just give up. With it, hope springs eternal.