

MY LOVE STORY

Lord, is each of us a book telling the story of your love? Is mine a love-story too, in all its downs and ups, its shadows and its light-filled times? I think of my story as pretty ordinary, hardly a best-seller! My image of myself is of someone who has plodded along quietly; nothing very dramatic or unmissable seems to have happened. No publisher would want my manuscript—it wouldn't sell.

But if I catch on to the fact that you co-author my story, everything suddenly changes. Is this what your Advent is really about? If you are steadily working on me deep down, to make me grow in love and so to become like you, then I can look back on the chapters of my life with new interest. There I'll see what you—my unobtrusive ghost-writer—have been up to over many years. 'My story' is more truly 'our story': you and I create it together. Our story-line is rich, not matter for a paperback now but the makings of an epic, worthy of a special edition with gold lettering.

Each of us has our own secret scripture: life gets exciting when I view people like this and try to spot your hand on their messy pages as on my own. '*When Christ who is our life is revealed, then we also will be revealed with him in glory*' (Colossians 3:4). Is each of us then a chapter in the love-story of the cosmos? Wow!