

Source 4.6 Transition

(Based on) Nachman of Bratslav,
Lekutei Maharan

And you should know that this world is but a very narrow bridge; that should be passed, and be extremely careful in order to reach the world to come. And the main thing is not to be frightened at all.

ע"פ רבי נחמן מברסלב, ליקוטי מוהר"ן

וְדַע כִּי הָעוֹלָם הַזֶּה אֵינוֹ אֶלָּא גֶשֶׁר צָר מְאֹד; צְרִיכִים לְעֵבֹר עָלָיו וְלִהְיוֹת מְאֹד בְּדִי שְׂתִגִּיעַ לְעוֹלָם הַבָּא. וְהַעִיקָר לֹא לִפְחֹד כְּלָל.

Locks

For myself, I am fond of locks. They pleasantly break the monotony of the pull. I like sitting in the boat and slowly rising out of the cool depths up into new reaches and fresh views; or sinking down, as it were, out of the world, and then waiting, while the gloomy gates creak, and the narrow strip of daylight between them widens till the fair smiling river lies full before you, and you push your little boat out from its brief prison on to the welcoming waters once again.

Jerome K. Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat* (1889)

Points to consider

Why is the world a narrow bridge?

Why might we be frightened?

Do you view this world as a transition to the next?