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HOW TO BE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL

Success and happiness are states of mind. They are a matter of attitude, a matter of faith. If you are seeking them in life, seek them within yourself. Think in terms of success – and happiness. Think positively. Act positively.

The path of life is often beset with hurdles. But let them not discourage you. If difficulties confront you, think of them as life's gentle pats on your back to make you stronger. If misfortunes befall you, regard them as Nature's rebuffs to goad you on. Remember that God has His own plans to lead you to perfection. Difficulties and misfortunes are meant to strengthen you, and ennoble you. And they are also there to sweeten your final success, for you know that you cannot appreciate light without being aware of darkness.

Nevertheless, the struggle of life does bring moments of dejection and weariness, when you are

almost ready to give up. In such moments, turn to the following pages. You will feel pepped up. You will be able to face life with greater courage and enthusiasm.

If the thoughts collected here inspire you, let them reach others. Nothing could be nobler than putting back the will to fight in a discouraged heart. It is like wiping a tear of sorrow from a moist eye or putting back a smile on pale, drooping lips. It is no less than saving a precious life.

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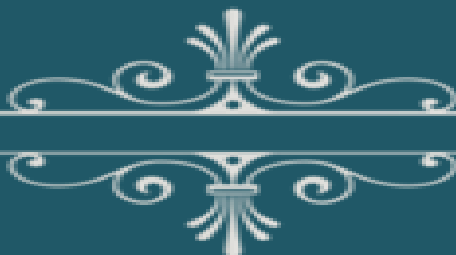
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Life Is A Game With A Glorious Prize!

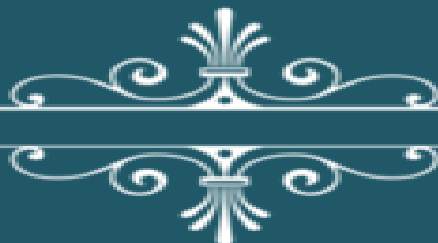
Life is a game, says the poet, and if it is a game, it must have rules about how to play it. What are the rules of the game of life?

- Be fair as you play it. Play well, irrespective of whether you win or lose the game.
- True sportsmanship lies in accepting the result – whether victory or defeat, without any grudge whatsoever.
- It also lies in not entertaining any feelings of jealousy against the person who has excelled you in terms of achievement. Try to learn rejoicing in others' joy.
- And try again. If you play well, you will win the next time.

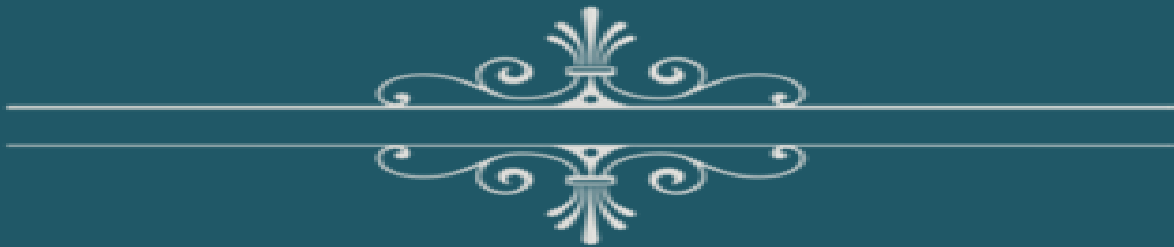


Life is a game with a glorious prize
If we can only play it right.
It is give and take, build and break
And often it ends in a fight;
But he surely wins who honestly tries
Regardless of wealth of fame,
He can never despair who plays it fair
How are you playing the game?

Do you wilt and whine, if you fail to win
In the manner you think your due?
Do you sneer at the man in case that he can,
And does, do better than you?
Do you take your rebuffs with a knowing grin?
Do you laugh though' you pull up lame?
Does your faith hold true when the whole world's
blue?
How are you playing the game?



- *Life is like a game of cards.*
- *You did not invent the game, nor did you frame the rules.*
- *You have no control over the cards dealt to you.*
- *But you are there to play.*
- *A good player, even with a bad hand of cards, will play well and emerge a winner.*
- *A bad player, even with the best of cards, will play badly – and lose.*
- *How are you playing?*



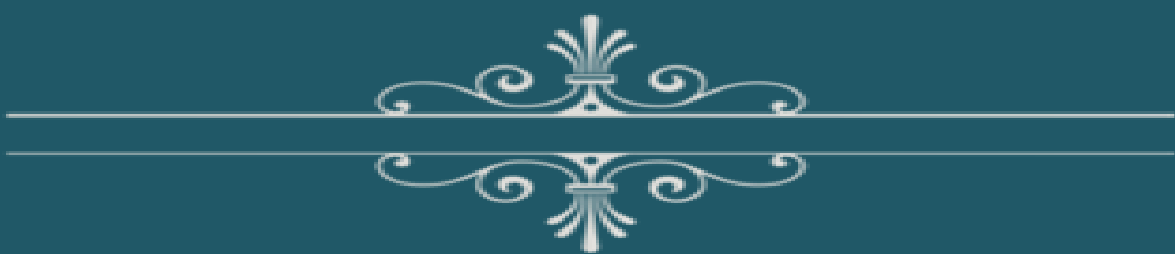
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Do it now!

Do you have hard work to do? Do it now!

Do you have a kind word to say? Say it now!

If you have missed an opportunity in the past, it is not worth regretting. And it is unwise waiting for a future moment to do anything, for future cannot be trusted. Now is the time to act. Only now is yours. Seize it and make full use of it.



If you have hard work to do,
Do it now,
Today the skies are clear and blue,
Tomorrow clouds may come in view.
Yesterday is not for you;
Do it now.

If you have a song to sing,
Sing it now,
Let the tones of gladness ring
Clear as song of bird in spring,
Let each day some music bring;
Sing it now.

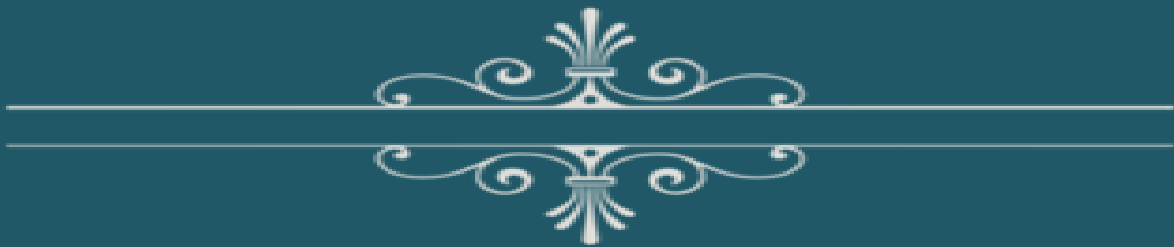
If you have some kind words to say,
Say them now,
Tomorrow may not come your way;
Do a kindness while you may,
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,
Show it now,
Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
The love you have before they go;
Show it now.



*Work for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labour,
Rest comes sure and soon;*

*Give every flying minute,
Something to keep in store;
Work, for the night is coming,
When man works no more.*



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What Have We Done Today?

- All journeys, howsoever long, are covered by taking one step at a time. One step to each day. So ask yourself at the end of the day

Did I take the step meant for today, or was the day just wasted?

- We often contemplate doing noble deeds but are not prompt enough to actually do them. As a result, they never get done. It is more meaningful to do a little today than to live in the vain hope of doing something meritorious in some unknown future.

We shall do much in the years to come,

But what have we done Today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give Today?

We shall lift the Heart and dry the Tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,
But what did we speak Today?

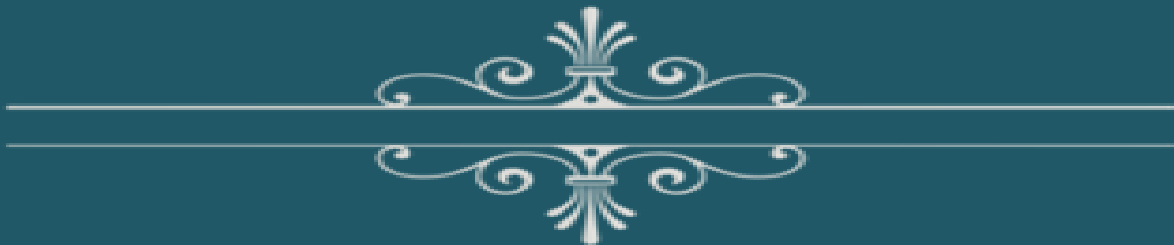
We shall be so kind in the after while,
But what have we been Today?
We shall bring each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought Today?

We shall give to Truth a grander birth,
And to Steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering Souls of earth,
But whom have we fed Today?

We shall reap such joys in the by—and—by,
But what have we Sown Today?
We shall build up mansions in the Sky,
But what have we built Today?

It is sweet in idle dreams to bask,
But here and now do we do our task,
Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,
What have we done Today?

*Trust no future, however pleasant,
Let the dead past bury its dead !
Act, – act in the living present,
Heart within, and God overhead !*



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Now is The only Time You Own!

Life is God's most precious gift given to us. Two considerations make it extremely important that we make the maximum use of it – and as soon as we can!

1. It is given to us only once.
2. It can be taken back from us any moment.

So where is the time to lose?



The clock of life is wound but once.
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own.
Live, love, work with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still.

*The great use of life is to spend it for
something that outlasts it.*

We are but minutes

We are but minutes, little things,
Each one furnished with sixty wings
With which we fly on our unseen track
And not one of us ever comes back.

We are but minutes, use us well,
For how we are used we must someday tell.
Who uses minutes has hours to use,
Who loses minutes – whole years must lose.

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You can win if you think you can !

Besides the ability to win, what you must develop is the confidence that you can win. Victory and defeat, success and failure are in the state of mind. A large number of contestants lose the race even before they have taken the first step. Why? Just because they don't have faith in themselves, they don't believe they can win. So while you develop your abilities, you must also develop confidence in your abilities.



If you think you are beaten, you are,
If you think you dare not, you don't,
If you'd like to win, but think you can't,
It's almost a cinch you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you're lost,
For out in the world we find
Success begins with a fellow's will –
It's all in the state of mind.

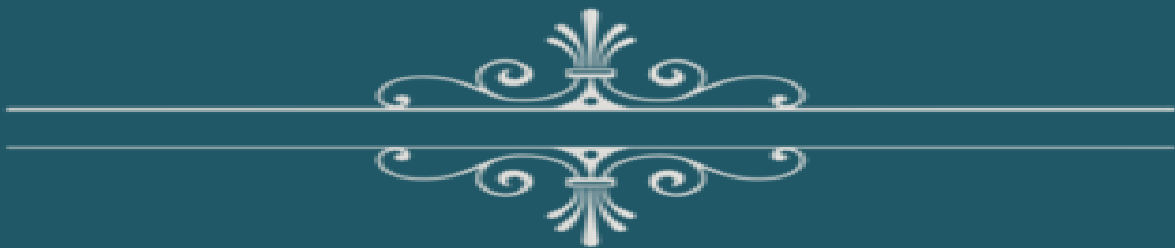
Full many a race is lost
Ere even a step is run,
And many a coward falls
Ere even his work's begun.

Think big and your deeds will glow,
Think small and you'll fall behind,
Think that you can, and you will –
It is all in the state of mind.

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But soon or late the man who wins
Is the one who thinks he can.



*Meet every adverse circumstance as its master.
Don't let it master you.*



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Life is a challenge, face it !

The brave lead their life on their own terms. They are clear and determined about the goals they want to attain and no impediments can detract them from their path. They are vitally alive in every moment of their life. Shouldn't we try to be one of them?



Life, I challenge you to try me,
Doom me to unending pain;
Stay my hand, becloud my vision,
Break my heart and then – again.

Shatter every dream I've cherished,
Fill my heart with ruthless fear;
Follow every smile that cheers me
With a bitter, blinding tear.

THUS I DARE YOU; YOU CAN TRY ME,
Seek to make me cringe and–moan,
Still my unbound soul defies you,
I’LL WITHSTAND YOU – AND ALONE!

Life is currently described, In one of the four ways;
A journey, a battle, A pilgrimage, a race.

Select your own metaphors, But the necessity
Of finishing is all the same,

For if life is a journey, It must be completed.
If life is a battle, It must be finished.
If life is a pilgrimage, It must be concluded.
And if life is a race, It must be won.

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If you can Yours is the world!

One of the greatest ironies of life is that although we begin with very pious intentions, and pledge to fight cruelty, injustice and corruption, quite unawares, we catch the infection ourselves and develop the qualities we condemn. Here are a few questions that we should ask ourselves:

- Have we preserved our innocence and integrity?
- Can we risk all we have acquired for a worthy aim, and if we lose, do we have the courage to begin from a scratch and build everything all over again?
- Can we protect our virtue while mingling with common people and preserve our politeness while moving about in the corridors of power?
- Can we profitably utilize every moment of our life?

If we can say 'yes' to most of these questions, ours is
the world!

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all doubt you
Yet make allowance for their doubting, too;

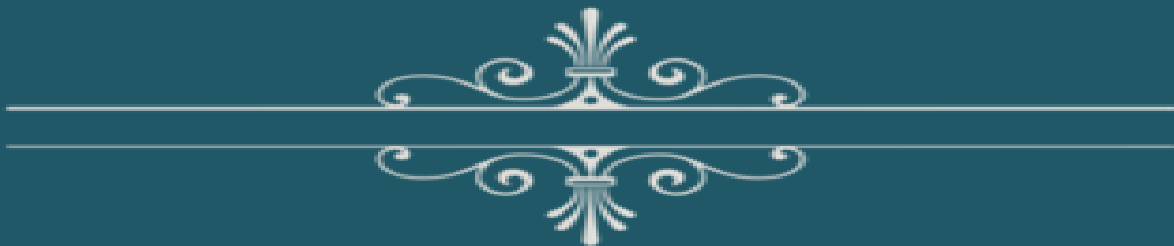
If you can dream and not make dreams your master
If you can think and not make thoughts your aim,
If you meet triumphs and disaster,
And treat those two impostors just the same;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of pitch and toss,
And lose and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn after they are gone,
And so hold on when there's nothing in you,
Except the 'will' that says to them '*hold on*';

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of Distance run,
Yours is the World and everything that's in it,
And which is more – you will be a man – my son.



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This Life is what we make it!

Life can be the greatest blessing of God bestowed on man, with every hour of its destined span widening our intellectual and spiritual horizons and leading us ever to newer achievements. It can also be a curse, an endless sequence of misfortunes, a bondage, a burden, which we would desperately like to shed. This life is what we make it!



Let's oftener talk of noble deeds
And rarer of the bad ones,
And sing about our happy days,
And not about the sad ones.
We were not made to fret and sigh
And when grief sleeps to wake it,
Bright happiness is standing by –
This life is what we make it.

Let us find the sunny side of men,
Or believe in it,
A light there is in every soul,
That takes the pains to win it.
Oh! there is a slumbering good in all,
And we perchance may wake it,
Our hands contain the magic wand –
This life is what we make it.

Then here's to those whose loving hearts
Shed light and joy about them!
Thanks be to them for countless gems
We never had known without them.
Oh! this should be a happy world
To all who may partake it;
The fault's our own if it is not –
This life is what we make it.



We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heart-throbs.
He/she most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest,
Acts the best.



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I'll find a way, or make it!

What do you want to achieve in life? – Fame? Knowledge? Riches? They are all worth achieving. But you need to cultivate certain noble qualities before you can aspire to achieve them. Here are three of those qualities being emphasised – firmness, will power, courage. You must develop the kind of firmness, will power and courage that the Romans were famous for.



Is Fame your aspiration?
Her path is steep and high;
In vain he seeks her temple,
Content to gaze and sigh;
The shining throne is waiting,
But he alone can take it
Who says, with Roman firmness,
“I'll find a way, or make it.”

Is Learning your ambition?
There is no royal road;
Alike the peer and peasant
Must climb to her abode;
Who feels the thirst of knowledge,
In Helicon may slake it,
If he has still the Roman will
“I’ll find a way or make it.”

Are Riches worth the getting?
They must be bravely sought;
With wishing or with fretting
The boon cannot be bought;
To all the prize is open,
But only he can take it
Who says, with Roman courage,
“I’ll find a way, or make it.”



If you have built castles in the air,
your work need not be lost;
that is where they should be;
now put foundations under them.



If you have a good book, you have a good
teacher permanently by your side. For
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Be the best of whatever you are!

- What would you like to be – an incompetent prime minister, leading the country to disaster through his inept handling of affairs, or a humble worker, committed to his work and making a meaningful contribution to the progress and prosperity of his own self as well as the society?
- Each unit in Nature has its special work to do and each does the work allotted to it to perfection. That is how human beings should work. What we are is immaterial; what is really important is how we are behaving where we are.

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill
Be a scrub in the valley – but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew.
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't size that you win or fail
Be the best of whatever you are!

*It is the greatest of all mistakes
to do nothing because you can do little –
Do what you can!*

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Don't quit when things go wrong!

During our struggle things often go wrong and we give up in despair. In fact, that is the time we need a little more of digging in, a little more of firmly sticking to the post. Night is the darkest just near the dawn. If you don't get disheartened, soon a streak of light appears in the east and piercing through the darkness bring the promise of a bright day. *Persist in your struggle just a little longer and success will be yours.*



When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you are trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must – but never quit.

Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won if he had stuck it out.
Stick to your task, though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man.
Often the struggler has given up,
When he might have captured the victor's cup.
And he learned too late: when the night slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tints of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems a far.
So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.
Don't quit but turn to God.

Defeat, like a headache, warns us that something has gone wrong. If we are intelligent we look for the cause and profit by the experience.



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Failure is but a spur !

Have you ever seen a child learn to walk without stumbling, without falling on to the ground and hurting himself a bit? Does the child get disheartened by that fall? When a child stumbles, he rises with a renewed determination, and with a pleasant smile, he resumes his effort. Stumbling and falling are integral to the process of learning. So is a failure a natural and usually unavoidable stage on way to success. It is immaterial as long as we are not jolted by it.



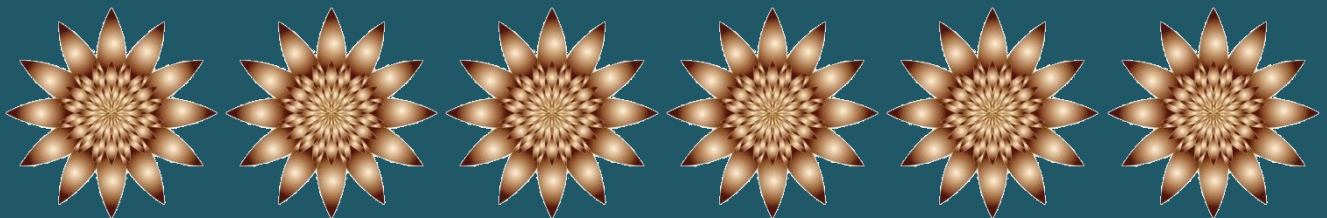
What is a failure? It's only a spur
To a man who receives it right,
And it makes the spirit within him stir
To go in once more and fight.

If you never have failed, it's an easy guess
You never have known a high success.

What is a miss? It's a practice shot
Which we often must make to enter
The list of those who can hit the spot
Of the bull's eye in the centre.

If you never have sent your bullet wide,
You never have put a mark inside.

A little more persistence, courage, vim,
Success will dawn over failure's cloudy rim.
Then take this honey for the bitterest cup;
There is No Failure, Save in Giving up.
No real fall, so long as one still tries,
For seeming setbacks make the strong man wise.
There's no defeat, in truth, save from within
Unless you're beaten **THERE**, you're bound to win.



You can easily determine the calibre of a man
by ascertaining the amount of opposition
it takes to discourage him.



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Just Be Up & Doing !

Great achievement often requires long, tortuous, bitter experiences, powerful enough to drive one to despair. But one must rise above disappointments, neglect and sorrow and renew the pledge of devoted action. There is just no choice. We cannot wait for things to happen to us; we must make them happen to us. We cannot wait for fortune to smile on us and bless us with a distinguished result or a rewarding job. We must act and compel fortune to smile on us. “Few ever win who wait,” says the poet, and who won’t concede he is right?

Sure there is lots of trouble,
Sure there are heaps of cares,
Burdens that bend us double,
Worries that come to wear.
But we must keep pursuing
Something, and see it through;

Still to be up and doing
Is all that there is to do.

Though you would like to idle,
Wait for the world to right,
Keep your hand on the bridle,
Fight when you have to fight.
Women are won by wooing,
Fortune is won the same,
And to be up and doing
Is all there is to the game.

Few ever fail by trying,
Few ever win who wait.
All of your sitting, sighing
Never will conquer fate.
Whatever path you're hewing,
One thing is certain, son;
Either be up and doing
Or soon you'll be down and done.



Don't look at a thing; start it.

Don't put it off a day; start it.

Don't pretend you must think over; start it.

Don't start half-heartedly; put everything you can muster into your start.

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Troubles Don't come to you Alone !

Tagore, as a child, was floating his paper boat in a water channel when suddenly a current of strong wind swept his boat off and ruined his innocent happiness. The poor child was so upset, he felt the wind had deliberately blown that way to frustrate his desires. That's the mistake we are making all the time. We carry the feeling that fate has singled us out to suffer while others are blessed with a smooth, trouble-free life. Perhaps the truth is that while others are grappling with their problems courageously and cheerfully (making them lighter in the process), we, in a bid to hide our personal weaknesses, are idly blaming fate and making our life more miserable.



Don't think when you have troubles
That your neighbor goes scot-free
Because he shows a smiling front
And battles cheerfully.

No, man 1 He, too, has troubles,
but herein the difference lies,
While you go idly mopping round,
The other fellow tries.

Don't envy other people;
Maybe, if the truth you knew,
You'd find their burdens heavier far
Than is the case with you.

Because a fellow, rain or shine,
Can show a smiling face,
Don't think you'd have an easier time
If you could take his place.



*I walked a mile with pleasure,
She chatted all the way
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.*

*I walked a mile with sorrow
And never a word said she
But Oh! The things I learned from her
When sorrow walked with me.*



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Great Men are No Different!

When in 1953 Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norkay set out to climb Mount Everest, they were no different from other mountaineers. Their extra-ordinariness surfaced only when they had to negotiate insurmountable – looking hurdles and they successfully overcame them. We all have the potential to become great. What we need is determination, fortitude and confidence to realize that potential.



The great were young as you,
Dreaming the very dreams you hold,
Longing, yet fearing, to be bold,
Doubting that they themselves possessed
The strength and skill for every test,
Uncertain of the truths they knew,
Not sure that they could stand to fate
With all the courage of the great.

Then came a day when they
Their first bold venture made,
Scorning to erg for aid.
They dared to stand to fight alone,
Took up the gauntlet life had thrown,
Charged full-front to the gray,
Mastered their fear of self, and then
Learned that our great men are but men.

Oh, youth, go forth and do!
You, too, to fame may rise;
You can be strong and wise.
Stand up to life and play the man
You can if you'll but think you can;
The Great were once as you.
You envy them their proud success?
'Twas won with gifts that you possess.



- Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men.
- Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.
- Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle but you shall be a miracle.



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Don't Give way to Discouragement!!

Gold is put in fire when it is to be purified. The potter thumps the pot repeatedly so that the pot may become strong. The troubles and tribulations of life are meant not to torment it but to ennoble it. Adversity, it is said, is the prosperity of the great, for it helps them to grow better. Kites rise against the wind, not with the wind. So next time when you face obstacles, don't curse them, welcome them. Here is an account of how Abraham Lincoln refused to be overawed by obstacles and rose to be the President of the United States of America.



When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the Legislature in Illinois and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged – and then she died.

Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him. Entering politics again, he was badly defeated for Congress. He failed to get an appointment to the U.S. Land Office. He was badly defeated for the U.S. Senate.

In 1856 he became a candidate for the Vice–President and was again defeated.

In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

One failure after another – bad failures – great setbacks. In face of all this he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest. When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think that you're having a hard time in life?



Prosperity is a great teacher;
adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind;
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Be Pleasant when things Go Wrong!

One of the most fascinating sights in Nature is the seven-colored rainbow stretched like an arching bridge across the sky. And the rainbow appears only when tiny rain drops float about in the air. Can you create a rainbow of beautiful smiles out of your tears? It is easy to smile when the weather is bright and sunny. But the rainbow smile can flash on/y through tears. Try to smile in the face of difficulties and you will become an object of rainbow glory for yourself and a source of inspiration for others.



It is easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows by like a song,
But the man worthwhile is one who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

For the test of the heart is trouble,
And it always comes with the years,
And the smile that is worth the praises of earth
Is the one that shines through tears.

It is easy enough to be prudent
When nothing tempts you to stray;
When without or within no voice of sin
Is luring your soul away.
But it is only a negative virtue
Until it is tried by fire,
And the life that is worth the honour of earth
Is the one that resists desire.

By the cynic, the sad, the fallen,
Who had no strength for the strife,
The world's highway is cumbered Today,
They make up the item of life.
But the virtue that conquers passion,
And the sorrow that hides in a smile –
It is these that are worth the knowledge of earth,
For we find them but once in a while.



*Conquer Passion With Virtue!
Overcome Sorrow With A Smile!!*



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Try Smiling when the Weather is bad!

- How does smiling in the face of a problem help? Will it solve the problem?
- Most probably, yes! Problems tend to make us tense and nervous. But if we keep smiling it helps us to remain cool, and it is very likely we will be able to find reasonable solutions for them. But even if we are not able to solve a problem, it will certainly reduce the discomfort and misery accompanying it.
- If we are asking for a trouble-free life, we are asking for the moon and being plain silly. *What we should seek is not freedom from troubles but the ability to tackle them.*

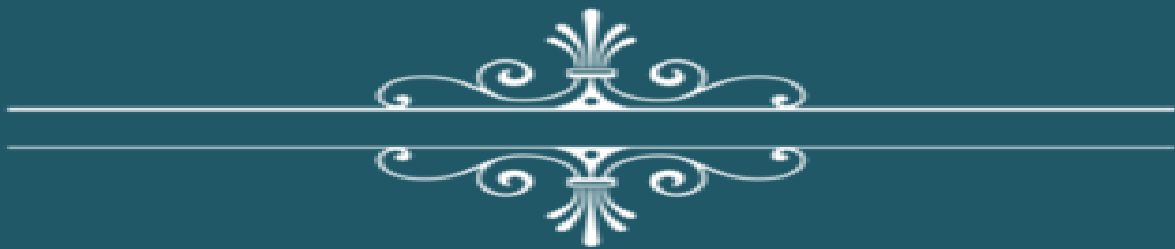
When the weather suits you not,
Try smiling;
When your coffee isn't do right,
Try smiling.
When your neighbours don't do right,
Or your relatives all fight,
Sure 'tis hard but then you might
Try smiling.

Doesn't change the things, of course –
Just smiling;
But it cannot make them worse,
Just smiling.
And it seems to help your case,
Brightens up a gloomy place;
Then, it sort o' rests your face –
Just smiling.



When we sigh about our trouble
It grows double
Everyday

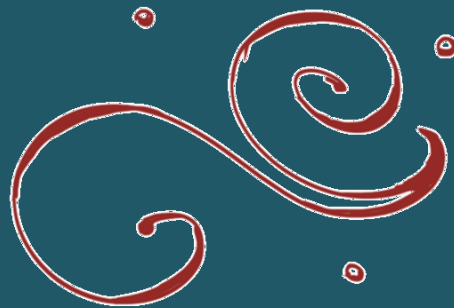
When we laugh about our trouble
It's a bubble
Blown away.



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The Joy is there – but you have to Believe!

Some people have every reason to be happy, but their negative outlook on life makes them feel they are unhappy. If you willfully insist on feeling you are unhappy, you are closing the door to happiness when you could have easily enjoyed its richness. It is not only the spring that makes the song, the song can also make the spring. *Believe in happiness, and you will be happy.*



You have to believe in happiness,
Or happiness never comes.
I know that the bird chirps none the less,
When all that he finds is crumbs.

You have to believe that winds will blow,
Believe in the grass, the days of snow;
Ah, that's the reason the bird can sing;
On his darkest day, he believes in spring.

You have to believe in happiness,
It isn't an outward thing:
The spring never makes the song, I guess,
As much as the song makes the spring.

Aye, moon's heart could find content,
If it saw the joy on the road it went,
The joy ahead when it had to grieve,
The joy is there, but you have to believe.



*Here's a motto, just your fit –
Laugh a little bit.*

*When you think you're trouble hit,
Laugh a little bit.*

*Keep your face with sunshine lit,
Laugh a little bit.*



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Think Good, Feel Good, do Good !!

Do you feel grateful for what you have, or do you complain about what you lack? You must have heard of the two men, each of whom had a glass half full of water. One of them grumble that it was half empty, the other felt happy that it was half full. Each of them had the same amount of water, but one was disgruntled, pessimistic and unhappy while the other was contented, optimistic and at peace with himself. Developing a positive attitude towards life is extremely important for a successful and happy life. You must think good, feel good, do good.

Some murmur, when their sky is clear
And whole bright to view.
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue.
And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy gild

The darkness of their night.
In palaces are hearts that ask,
In discontent and pride,
Why life is such a dreary task
And all good things denied.

And hearts in poorest huts admire
How love has in their aid
(Love that never seems to tire)
Such rich provisions made.

God asks no person whether he/she will accept life.

That is not the choice. You must take it.

THE ONLY CHOICE IS HOW!



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Let me be a Little Kinder!

In our world there is a great dearth of noble qualities like kindness, bravery, politeness, and the more we cultivate them the better our world will become both for ourselves and for others. So let us pray that God makes us

- a little kinder,
- a little more forgiving,
- a little more cheerful.
- a little braver,
- a little meeker, and
- a little less self-centred and selfish.



Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me; let me praise a little
more.

Let me be, when I am weary, just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better those I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver, when temptation bids me
waver;

Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be.

Let me be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker;

Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me.

*Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it,*

*Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it.*

*Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it,*

*Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.*

Deeds of honest loving-kindness
Give a fallen fellow heart,

And upon his uphill journey,
Help him play a manly part.



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Be Great in Thought, Word & Deed!

Have you ever realized how much misery is caused by the pettiness of people? Jealousy, malice, ill-will, hatred – all spring from pettiness. Even the desire to rule over others stems from the pettiness of human mind. Hitler was one of the pettiest people ever born. But let us pause. Let us do some introspection, peep within and ensure that we are ourselves not guilty of the pettiness we so vehemently condemn in others.



Keep us O lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self-pity, and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment, and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle

Grant that we realise that it is the little things that create difference.

That in the big things of life we are all as one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great common heart of all of us.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.



Give to the world the best that you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give Love, and Love to your heart will flow,
A strength in your utmost need.

Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your work and deed.



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How to tell a Winner from a Loser!

And finally here is a short write-up you can apply to yourself as a touchstone and find out whether you are a winner or a loser. The two are diametrically opposite of each other in their attitudes and responses. If you are already a winner, try to help others overcome their problems, whether physical or mental. On the other hand, if you think you have not been doing well, don't get discouraged. Put in a renewed effort with greater zeal and commitment and with full confidence in your abilities, and you will soon be transformed into a winner.



A winner says 'Let's find out'; a loser says, "Nobody knows".

A winner says 'Let's find out; a loser says, "Nobody Knows"

When a winner makes a mistake, he says, 'I was wrong'; When a loser makes a mistake, he says, 'It wasn't my fault'.

A winner goes through a problem; a loser goes around it, and never gets past it.

A winner makes commitments; a loser makes promises.

A winner says, 'I'm good, but not as good as I ought to be a loser says, 'I'm not as bad as a lot of other people'.

A winner tries to learn from those who are superior to him; a loser tries to tear down those who are superior to him.

A winner says, 'There ought to be a better way to do it': a loser saps, 'That's the way it's always been done here'.

– Sydney J. Harris



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The World is Waiting – for You!

We often hear people grumble that the world they are inhabiting is in a bad shape. There is so much of corruption and exploitation, so much of apathy and selfishness, so much of misery and suffering. And we all believe that our world needs to be reformed. But who is to carry out this urgent task of reformation? It is *we* who must do it. The world is waiting for us and not for anyone else. The day we realise that we must begin this work of reforming and rebuilding of the society with ourselves, we will immediately see a marked improvement around us. And, needless to say, we will ourselves also become better human beings.



*The world is waiting for somebody,
Waiting and watching today.
Somebody to lift and strengthen,
Somebody to shield and stay.
Do you thoughtfully question, “who?”
’Tis you my friend, ’tis you.*

*The world is waiting for somebody,
The sad world, black and cold,
When wan-faced children are watching
For hope in the eyes of the old.
Do you wondering question, “who?”
’Tis you, my friend, tis you.*

*The world is waiting for somebody,
and has been years on years;
Somebody to soften its sorrows,
Somebody to heed its tears;
Then, doubting, question no longer, “who?”
For, oh, my friend ’tis you.*

