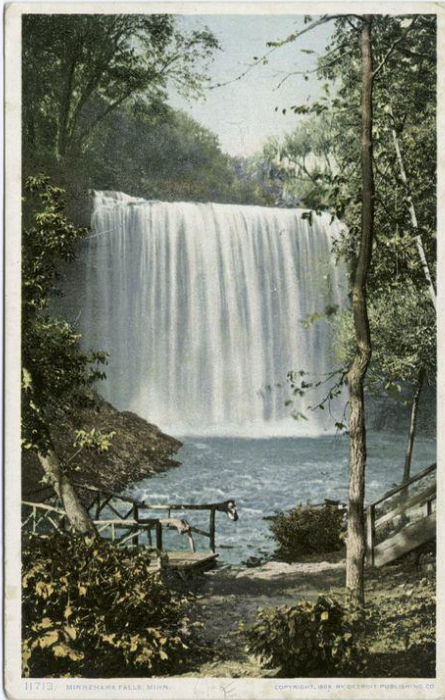


# Poems for Perseverance and Inspiration

## *It Couldn't Be Done*

*by Edgar Albert Guest*

*Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*



*Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,*

*He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you one by  
one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.*

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## *Don't Give Up*

*by Phoebe Cary*

*If you tried and have not won,  
Never stop for crying;  
All that's great and good is done  
Just by patient trying.*

*Though young birds, in flying, fall,  
Still their wings grow stronger;  
And the next time they can keep  
Up a little longer.*

*Though the sturdy oak has known  
Many a blast that bowed her,  
She has risen again, and grown  
Loftier and prouder.*

*If by easy work you beat,  
Who the more will prize you?  
Gaining victory from defeat,  
That's the test that tries you!*

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# If

*By Rudyard Kipling*

*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 men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too:  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

*If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same.  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;*

*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 long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which 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 Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!*



## *Ideals*

*By Helen Steiner Rice*

*Remember that ideals  
are like stars up in the sky,  
You can never really reach them,  
hanging in the heavens high ...*



*But like the mighty mariner  
who sailed the storm-tossed sea,  
And used the stars to chart his course  
with skill and certainty,*

*You too can chart your course in life  
with high ideals and love,  
For high ideals are like the stars  
that light the sky above ...  
You cannot ever reach them,  
but lift your heart up high  
And your life will be as shining  
as the stars up in the sky.*

~Retrieved from: <http://www.inspirationalarchive.com/978/ideals/#ixzz4QsqSMeyu>



## *God's Love by Charles S Mortson*

*When God created you  
He knew what he would see  
Someone that wasn't perfect  
Or in heaven you would be.  
He put you here on earth  
To lead this life you live  
Learning as you go  
Giving what you can give.  
He knew that you would stumble  
And sometimes even fall  
He knew that you would suffer  
And in Jesus Christ you'd call.  
Mistakes and bad decisions  
He knew that you would make  
To live and learn from them  
Sometimes more than you can take.  
He's had a plan for you  
From the very first day  
Frustrating times will be  
But soon you'll see his way.  
Love, hope, and faith  
He'll give this all to you  
Patience please my friend  
How only if you knew.  
The love you have inside you  
All the good that you do*

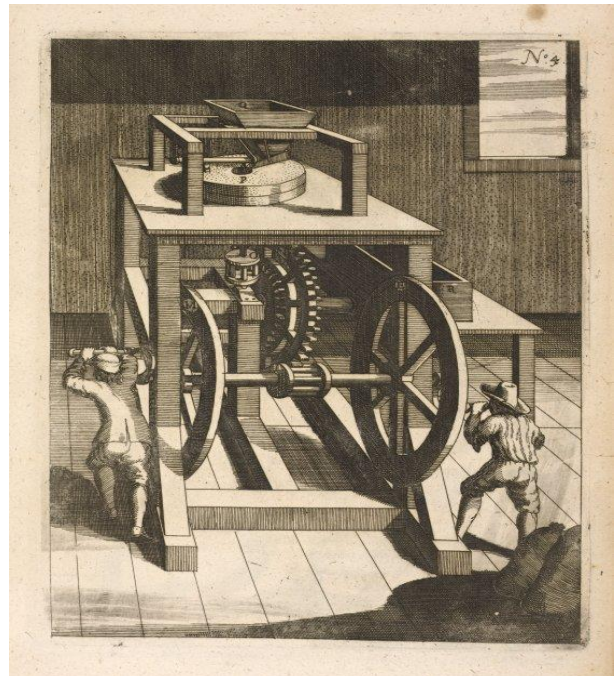


*This does not go unnoticed  
And he shall see it too.  
He'll carry you if he needs to  
And hold you when you pray  
He knows the pain you carry  
Each and every day.  
What's brought you to your knees  
Some gave up on you  
God will only keep around  
The ones that see it through.  
One day you will see  
What I've been telling you  
The love that he's been saving  
He created it just for you.*

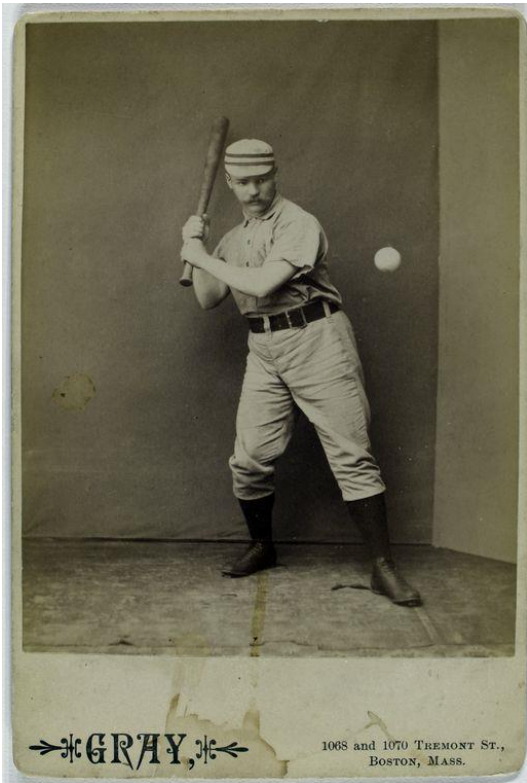
## *No Excuses, No Regrets*

*By Frederick Douglass Harper*

*There is no substitute  
For hard work;  
There is no replacement  
Of time lost;  
There is no time for regrets  
About mistakes made,  
Or excuses for failure  
Of responsibility or duty;  
There is no explanation for  
Blindness to beautiful things  
Or love gone unexpressed;  
There is no time  
For excuses,  
There is no time  
For regrets.*



~Retrieved from: <http://www.journalnegroed.org/PoemsforYoungPeople.pdf>



## *Keep on Keeping on*

*by Michael Sage*

*We've all had times, when the going gets tough  
The smooth ride suddenly, feels bumpy and rough  
The good times are gone, it's all rather gruff  
You let out a sigh and exclaim – "I've had enough"*

*We are all entitled at times, to gripe and to moan  
What's happened to my life, you say with a groan?  
My backpack seems weighed down, by a very big stone  
How do I move away, from this miserable zone?*

*When a curved ball hits you, through a trick or a con  
Remember the good days, when the sun always shone  
Go forward with the belief, that you already have won  
The best advice I can give, is to keep on - keeping on*

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## *Psalm 138*

### *Of David*

*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;*

*I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.*

*On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.*

*All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.*

*For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble,*

*you preserve my life;*

*you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my  
enemies,*

*and your right hand delivers me.*

*The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

*Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

{English Standard Version (ESV) Bible}

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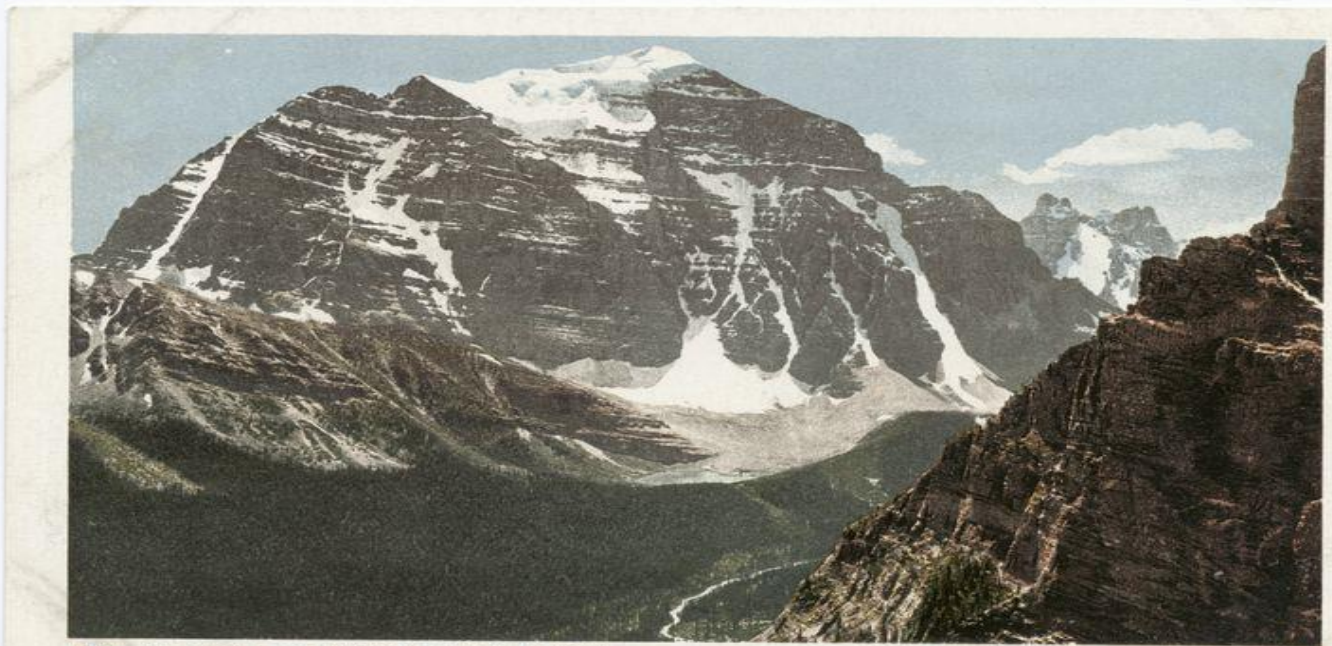


## *Mover of Mountains*

*by Helen Steiner Rice*

*Faith is a force that is greater  
than knowledge or power or skill,  
And the darkest defeat turns to triumph  
if you trust in God's wisdom and will,  
For faith is a mover of mountains —  
there's nothing man cannot achieve  
If he has the courage to try it  
and then has the faith to believe.*

~Retrieved from: <https://thevalueofsparrows.com/2012/05/16/poetry-five-poems-on-faith-and-perseverance-by-helen-steiner-rice/>



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## *The Road Not Taken*

*By Robert Frost*

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted  
wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way  
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*



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