

Poems About INTEGRITY

A Great Somebody

by Adrienne Sealy Hardesty

I am a serious child.
I am a serious child with serious goals.
My life is destined to be filled with positivity.
I am a worker.
If it takes hard work I will do it.
I am a clean somebody.
I know that if I lie down with hogs I can come
up with mud
So, I will keep my mind, my body, and my
character clean.
I am intelligent.
My brain is a storage place.
I will fill it to the brim with knowledge, and
look forward with hope of what tomorrow will
bring.
I am a child hero.
I don't spend time wasting time because I
know there is room at the top for me.
I am the GREATEST somebody there is.
Start LEADING me now, teacher.
Start GUIDING me now, teacher.
Start PRAISING me now, teacher.
AND you will see me rise to the highest
heights.

Three Gates

From the Arabian

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

My Creed

By Edgar A. Guest

To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham,
Exactly what men think I am.

To leave some simple mark behind,
To keep my having lived in mind;
If enmity to aught I show,
To be an honest, generous foe,
To play my little part, nor whine
That greater honors are not mine.
This, I believe, is all I need
For my philosophy and creed.