

## Poems for the Magic Triad

The day began with dismal doubt  
A stubborn thing to put to rout;  
But all my worries flew away  
When someone smiled at me today.

Author Unknown

### “The Three Gates”

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.

--The Arabian

“They might not need me - yet they might.”

They might not need me; yet they might.  
I'll let my Heart be just in sight;  
A smile so small as mine might be  
Precisely their necessity.

By Emily Dickinson

## **“INFLUENCE”**

**Drop a pebble in the water,  
And its ripples reach out far;  
And the sunbeams dancing on them  
May reflect them to a star.**

**Give a smile to someone passing,  
Thereby making his morning glad;  
It may greet you in the evening  
When your own heart may be sad.**

**Do a deed of simple kindness;  
Though its end you may not see,  
It may reach, like widening ripples,  
Down a long eternity.**

**-Joseph Norris**

**I will not play at tug o' war  
I'd rather play at hug o' war,  
Where everyone hugs  
Instead of tugs....**

**~Shel Silverstein**

**Smiling is infectious,  
You can catch it like the flu.  
Someone smiled at me today,  
And I started smiling too.**

**~Author Unknown**

**...A hug is an amazing thing  
It's just the perfect way  
To show the love we're feeling  
But can't find the words to say....**

**~Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr., "A Simple Hug**

**...'tis He, arrayed  
In the soft light of his own smiles, which spread  
Like radiance from the cloud-surrounded moon....**

**~Percy Bysshe Shelley, *Prometheus Unbound***

### **"SUCCESS"**

**Success is speaking words of praise,  
In cheering other people's ways,  
In doing just the best you can,  
With every task and every plan,  
It's silence when your speech would hurt,  
Politeness when your neighbor's curt,  
It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
And sympathy with others' woes,  
It's loyalty when duty calls,  
It's courage when disaster falls,  
It's patience when the hours are long,  
It's found in laughter and in song,  
It's in the silent time of prayer,  
In happiness and in despair,  
In all of life and nothing less,  
We find the thing we call success.**

**Author Unknown**

## **“THE WORLD NEEDS”**

**A little more kindness and a little less creed,  
A little more giving and a little less greed;  
A little more smile and a little less frown,  
A little less kicking a man when he’s down;  
A little more “we” and a little less “I,”  
A little more laugh and a little less cry;  
A few more flowers on the pathway of life,  
And fewer on graves at the end of strife.**

**Author Unknown**