

Poems about PERSEVERANCE

For Every Hill I've Had to Climb

By L. E. Thayer

For every hill I've had to climb,
For every stone that bruised my feet,
For all the blood and sweat and grime,
For blinding storms and burning heat
My heart sings but a grateful song—
These were the things that made me strong!

For all the heartaches and the tears,
For all the anguish and the pain,
For gloomy days and fruitless years,
And for the hopes that lived in vain,
I do give thanks, for now I know
These were the things that helped me grow!

'Tis not the softer things of life
Which stimulate man's will to strive;
But bleak adversity and strife
Do most to keep man's will alive.
O'er rose-strewn paths the weaklings creep,
But brave hearts dare to climb the steep.

Perseverance Poem

-- Unknown

When things go wrong as they sometimes
will;
When the road you're trudging seems all
uphill;
When the funds are low, and the debts are
high
And you want to smile, but have to sigh;
When care is pressing you down a bit-
Rest if you must, but do not quit.
Success is failure turned inside out;
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;
And you can never tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest
hit-
It's when things go wrong that you must
not quit.

The Cork and the Whale

--Unknown

A little brown cork
Fell in the path of a whale
Who lashed it down
With his angry tail.

But, in spite of the blows,
It quickly arose,
And floated serenely
Before his nose.

Said the cork to the whale,
"you may flap and sputter and frown,
But you never, never can keep me down:

For I'm made of the stuff
That is buoyant enough
To float instead of to drown."

MOTHER TO SON

By Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Try, Try Again

By Unknown Author

'Tis a lesson you should heed,
Try, try again;
If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again;
Then your courage shall appear,
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
Try, try again.

Once or twice though you should fail,
Try, try again;
If at last you would prevail,
Try, try again;
If we strive 'tis no disgrace
Tho' we may not win the race,
What should you do in that case?
Try, try again.

If you find your task is hard,
Try, try again;
Time will bring you your reward,
Try, try again;
All that other folks can do,
Why, with patience, may not you?
Only keep this rule in view,
Try, try again.