

## POETRY.

## A PSALM OF LIFE.

Tell me not in mournful numbers,  
"Life is but an empty dream!"  
For the soul is dead that slumbers,  
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest."  
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow;  
Is our destined end or way;  
But to act, that each to-morrow  
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting;  
And our hearts, though stout and brave,  
Still, like muffled drums, are beating  
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,  
In the bivouac of life,  
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!  
Be a hero in the strife!

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime;  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footsteps on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait.

H. W. LONGFELLOW.

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