

MANHOOD

Be strong in purpose to excel
In thy life's work, that it may swell
The glories of God's noble man,
Who lives but to complete His plan
In fitting works, majestic, grand,
That perfectness may bless our land.

Be strong in truth, be kind, be just,
Be patient, noble, free from lust,
Despising vice in every form,
That its foul touch may ne'er deform
The beauty of the perfect soul—
In grace complete, in good works whole.

Be strong in faith of that grand Hope
Which builds true greatness, and doth ope
The doors of Heaven's immortal rest,
Where souls made perfect shall be blest
With harmony of life and love,
And fellowship with saints above.