

A Notable Verse Writer

Readers of Vancouver's morning newspaper (The Daily Sun) will have noticed that there is published therein a series of verses (copyright) by Edgar A. Guest, who seems often to combine fluency of expression with fineness of thought.

From a recent issue we quote the following four verses on "Difficulties." As it happens, no name or copyright line was printed with these verses, but we understand that that was an oversight, and that the contribution is one by the author mentioned.

Some of the lines may sound familiar, and others may recall to memory such words as those of R. L. Stevenson: "To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour."—(Ed. B. C. M.)

Difficulties

What if the road be long, the goal
Is richer for the struggle you have made.
Great joys which truly compensate the soul
Obtain their splendor from the price you paid;
There is no victory on earth so fair
As that which conquers danger and despair.

What if the task be hard, the pride
Is greater when at last the thing is done.
He who stands fast when he is sorely tried,
Knows happiness the day his battle's won;
Within the struggle all the glory lies—
Greater the odds, the greater is the prize.

The easy roads the multitude may fare,
The simple tasks a thousand hands can do,
Yet glory waits for men to do and dare.
While danger's challenged only by the few.
True victories take faith and strength and time,
High mountains always have been hard to climb.

Against the odds and obstacles of life
With heart undaunted fight unto the last.
You shall rejoice in every hour of strife
And thrill with pride when once the danger's past.
Within the difficulties which you meet,
Lies all which makes an honest victory sweet.

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