

Apollo's Moonshot Lesson

A moonshot earns its name when bold ambition is matched by safe return, flexible control, and an honest accounting of what fell short.

To land, then bring them safely home in light,
A moonshot's worth is judged by safe return;
Let training, plans, and mission counsel write
The hard-earned path by which bold ventures learn.

When guided paths meet crater, dust, and stone,
Let human judgment take the waiting hand;
Keep code and crew in concert, not alone,
And steer the scarce remaining fuel to land.

Let alarms speak plainly, yet decide with care;
For warning is not proof that aims are harmed;
Ask what still works, and what remains repair,
Though faults arose, the mission was not disarmed.

Success is more than every aim made true;
Name what fell short, that next designs improve through.