

The Worth of Work

The worth is proved by what you do by hand.

When hard work calls, step in and take your stand,
Let sneers stay cold beyond the job-site light;
The worth is proved by what you do by hand,
Not by the voice that judges from the height.

Let character steer strength through honest work,
Pull your own weight, and answer to your name;
The one who sneers keeps safely from the work,
While useful hands give empty praise its shame.

If you should fail, rise up and face the fall,
For daring still is better than delay;
The truest hands still answer duty's call,
Try what seems good; keep what proves its way.

No critic earns the honor of the true,
Who bears the load and sees the hard thing through.