

FAVORITE POEMS TAMUK

DON'T QUIT

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807- 1892)

Headnote: The reason I have chosen this poem as my favorite poem is because I find it very inspirational. In a way where it helps me keep going with my goals even if I am going through a rough point in my life. Not that long ago my mom had breast cancer and so at that point in time it was very hard for me to keep going to school and then come home to see my mom in so much pain but this poem just reminds me to keep pushing because she was pushing as well to get better.

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When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit

Life is strange with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a failure comes about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

For all the sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these: "It might have been!"

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