

## Adversity

A man meets a guru on the road and asks "Which way is success?" The bearded sage doesn't speak, but points to the left. The man thrilled by the prospect of quick and easy success, rushes off. Suddenly, there's a loud SPLAT!

Eventually, the man limps back, tattered and stunned, assuming he took the wrong turn. So he repeats his question to the guru, who again points silently in the same direction. The man obediently walks off, and this time there's a deafening SPLAAAT!

When the man crawls back, he is bloody, broken, and irate. "I asked you which way to success!" he screams at the guru. "I followed your direction, but all I got was splatted - twice! No more pointing! Talk!"

Only then does the guru speak, very quietly. "Success is that way. Just a little past splat."

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## Faith /Adveristy

My life is but a weaving between my God  
and me,  
I do not choose the colors, He worketh  
steadily.  
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in  
foolish pride,  
Forget He sees the upper, and I the  
underside.

Not till the loom is silent, and shuttles  
cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the  
reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful in the  
skillful Weaver's hand  
As the threads of gold and silver in the  
pattern He has planned.



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## Prayer

### The Difference

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day,  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me  
And heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on gray and bleak.  
I wondered why God didn't show me;  
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence,  
I used all the keys at the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning  
And paused before entering the day,  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.



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*I walked a mile with Pleasure;  
She chatted all the way;  
But left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.  
I walked a mile with Sorrow,  
And ne'er a word said she;  
But, oh! The things I learned from her,  
When sorrow walked with me.*

-Robert Browning Hamilton