

Just Hang In There

All of us will agree that the road of life has its curves and straightaways, its hills and its valleys, as it proceeds. The journey brings good times and adversity, celebrations and challenges, joy and grief.

And the hardy traveler soon learns that maturity and wisdom arise from each experience, and the keys to successful living include patience and perseverance.

Several years ago, I read a poem that has been an encouragement to me and to many others. Its author is unknown, but its message is on point:

You Mustn't Quit

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
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 never quit.
Life is queer, with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won if he'd stuck it out;
Stick to your task, though the pace seems
slow.
You may succeed with one more blow.
Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst
That you mustn't quit.*



– Beecher Hunter