

Persevere

The fisher who draws in his net too soon,
Won't have any fish to sell;
The child who shuts up his book too soon,
Won't learn any lessons well.

If you would have your learning stay,
Be patient - don't learn too fast;
The man who travels a mile each day,
May get round the world at last.

-McGuffrey's Reader

Try, Try Again

Tis is a lesson you should heed---
 Try, try again;
If at first you don't succeed,
 Try, try again;
Then your courage should appear;
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
 Try, try again.

-Anonymous

Perseverance

We must not hope to be mowers,
And to gather the ripe gold ears,
Unless we have first been sowers
And watered the furrows with tears.

It is not just as we take it,
This mystical world of ours,
Life's field will yield as we make it
A harvest of thorns or of flowers.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)