

## Equipment (Part One)

Figure it out for yourself, my lad,  
You've all that the greatest of men have had,  
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,  
And a brain to use if you would be wise.  
With this equipment they all began,  
So start for the top and say "I can."

Look them over, the wise and great,  
They take their food from a common plate  
And similar knives and forks they use,  
With similar laces they tie their shoes,  
The world considers them brave and smart.  
But you've all they had when they made their start.

You can triumph and come to skill,  
You can be great if only you will,  
You're well equipped for what fight you choose,  
You have legs and arms and a brain to use,  
And the man who has risen, great deeds to do  
Began his life with no more than you.

By Edgar Guest (1881–1959)