

## **Success and Failure**

I do not think all failure's undeserved,  
And all success is merely someone's luck;  
Some men are down because they were unnerved,  
And some are up because they kept their pluck.  
Some men are down because they chose to shirk;  
Some men are high because they did their work.

I do not think that all the poor are good,  
That riches are the uniform of shame;  
The beggar might have conquered if he would,  
And that he begs, the world is not to blame.  
Misfortune is not all that comes to mar;  
Most men, themselves, have shaped the things  
they are.

**Edgar Albert Guest (1881-1959)**