

## Heroics

Since time began, we told the tales  
that formed our view of virtuous ideals:  
the cunning and strong, the quick and the skilled,  
the brave and the lucky; we laud their success.  
Remember, though, that many heroes  
fail at the test, fall before the goal.  
The hero may face a fierce opponent  
or impossible odds, with open eyes,  
but the vying to win, not the winning itself,  
makes the hero. Many go forth  
with nothing but courage, but nonetheless  
they strive for the right, though they reckon to lose.  
Remember this, when minstrels sing  
of thrilling heroics: the hero is not  
who said "I did it," but who said "I will try."

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