



If you've tried and have not won,  
Never stop for crying;  
All's that's great and good is done  
Just by patient trying.

Though young birds, in flying, fall,  
Still their wings grow stronger;  
And the next time they can keep  
Up a little longer.



Though the sturdy oak has known  
Many a blast that bowed her,  
She has risen again, and grown  
Loftier and prouder.

If by easy work you beat,  
Who the more will prize you?  
Gaining victory from defeat –  
That's the test that tries you!

- Phoebe Cary



- **give up:** Here, it means lose heart and stop trying.
- **sturdy:** strong

- **has known many a blast:** has survived many blows of stormy winds
- **Loftier:** taller and stronger
- **you beat:** Here, it means 'you win'.

### POINTERS

1. Have you ever given up on something good? Share your story with your friend.
2. Your friend fell down learning to ride a bicycle, and now has given it up altogether. What do you think will be the poet's advice? Write it down.