



LESSON NO. 1
TRY AGAIN
W.E. HICKSON

NOTES:

ABOUT THE POET:

William Edward Hickson (January 7, 1803- March 22, 1870), commonly known as W.E. Hickson was a British educational writer. He was the author of "Time and Faith" and was the editor of 'The Westminster Review' (1840- 1852). He wrote an improved version of the British National Anthem whose verses were included in the version of 'God save the king' published in the English Hymnal.

SUMMARY OF THE POEM "TRY AGAIN"

The poem 'Try Again' is a beautiful poem by William Edward Hickson. The poet has a great message for us in the poem. The path of life is never as simple as we think and success waits only for those who do not lose heart in spite of all hardships and difficulties in the way. Sometimes we may fail in our efforts but our courage should not be weakened. The speaker admits that when we try again, we may fail once or twice. However, if we keep on trying we will succeed.

It is no disgrace to try again until we achieve our goal. We should also try to learn from our failures and should not expect reward from anybody. We can also do what other people can do but it needs patience.

Word meanings:

- Conquer:** *overcome*
Reward: *a thing given in recognition of service*
Patience: *the capacity to accept or tolerate*
Persevere: *to continue to do in spite of difficulty*
Strive: *struggle*
Disgrace: *shame*
Folk: *people*

