

Try Again

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The Poet : William Edward Hickson was born on 7 January, 1803 in England. He was a British educational writer. He was the author of *Time and Faith*. Hickson died at Fairseat, Stansted, Kent on March 22, 1870.

'Tis a lesson you should heed,
 Try again;
If at first you don't succeed,
 Try again;
Then your courage should appear,
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
 Try again.

Once or twice, though you should fail,
 Try again;
If you would at last prevail,
 Try again;
If we strive, 'tis no disgrace
Though we do not win the race;
What should we do in that case ?
 Try again.





If you find your task is hard,
Try again;
Time will bring you your reward,
Try again;
All that other folk can do,
Why, with patience, may not you ?
Only keep this rule in view,
Try again.

Word Notes :

- 'Tis : it is
heed : to pay attention
persevere : to continue trying
conquer : to win
prevail : to exist
strive : to try very hard to achieve something
disgrace : shame
task : a piece of work ; an activity
folk : people in general
patience : the ability to stay calm

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Summary : One should always keep trying in life. Perseverance is always rewarded. If we don't succeed at first, we should not lose heart and should try again. Failures should be faced with patience and courage. We should not give up until we succeed. If we are destined to struggle in life, we should not become disheartened. To struggle is not a shame. In fact trying hard will bring us our reward. We should always keep in view the rule that – what everyone can do, can also be done by us. We must keep that in mind and should keep learning from our failures.

Answer the following questions.

- i) Who is the poet of the poem 'Try Again' ?
- ii) What does the word 'persevere' mean ?
- iii) What should we do if we don't succeed at first ?
- iv) 'If we strive, 'tis no disgrace'. What does the poet mean by this ?
- v) Which rule should we always keep in view ?
- vi) Write some rhyming words from the poem.
