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Pulling hard against the stream

1

In this World I've gained my knowledge
And for it I've had to pay
Though I've never been to college
Yet I've heard that poets say.
Life is like a mighty river
Rooling on from day to day.
Men are vessels launched upon it
Some times wrecked and cast away.

2

Do your best for one another
Making life a pleasent dream
Help a worn and weary brother
Pulling hard against the stream

3

Many a bright good hearted fellow.
Many a noble minded man
Finds himself with in a shallow.
Then assist them all you can
Some succeed at every turning
Fortune favors every scheme
Others too though more deserving
Have to pull hard against the stream

4

If the wind is in your favor.
And you've weathered every squall
Think of those who luckless labor
Never gets fair winds at all
Working hard Contented willing

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struggling through life's ocean wide -
Not a friend and not a shilling
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Don't give way to foolish sorrow -
Let this keep you in good cheer.
Brighter days may come to morrow:
If you will try and persevere
Darkest night will have a turning
Though the sky be ever cast
Longest hour will have a turning
And the tide will turn at last

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