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## Work

Tet me but do my work from day to day.
In field or forest, at the desk or loom.
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Tet me but find it in my heart to say.
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray.
"This is my work: my blessing, not my doom:
"Of all who live. I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small.
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers:
Then shall I cheerful greet the labouring hours.
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest.
Because I know for me my work is best.

line Oxford Tres and Sippers

-Van Dyke.

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