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IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

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Joe Darion (1911-2001), a popular songwriter and author, was educated at City College of New York.

He has to his credit scores of famous lyrics for Broadway musicals including superhits like 'Shinbone Alley (Archie and Mehitabel)' and 'Man of La Mancha'.

The present motivational ballad won 1965-66 Tony Award.

He wants to set before the world a shining example of the knighthood's "true" indomitable spirit.

Like Ulysses, the speaker in the poem asks us to set out on our unquenchable quest "to add some measure of grace to the World".

The poet has used appropriate words.

Not failure but low aim is a crime.

The poet wants us to cherish high ambitions.

A high ambition awakens our courage and confidence which otherwise are dormant.

Man's talent is tested only in the presence of tough challenges.

According to the poet, we must possess guts to set right unpardonable misdeeds.

We must fight to uphold what is right and good without raising any doubts and questions.

The poet advises us to undertake challenging tasks to succeed in our undertakings. He has furnished in the poem of the prerequisites needed for progress and success in life.

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe
To bear with unbearable sorrow
To run where the brave dare not go

To right the unrightable wrong
To love pure and chaste from afar
To try when your arms are too weary
To reach the unreachable star

This is my quest, to follow that star
No matter how hopeless, no matter how far
To fight for the right
Without question or pause
To be willing to march
Into hell for a heavenly cause

And I know if I'll only be true
To this glorious quest
That my heart will lay peaceful and calm
When I'm laid to my rest

And the world will be better for this
That one man scorned and covered with scars
Still strove with his last ounce of courage
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