## My Life, and This, My Lot

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My life's desire, before my eyes How can I make it so? I'll fight and pray, and work my days To see it stay, not go.

So up at dawn I find myself,
To make it come about.
Through sweat and tears I do the work,
My efforts tall and stout.

It's everything I think, and do, This building life's success, For if I slip and halt my deeds, I'm sure to fail these tests.

My every step, each gentle sway, I feel myself draw near. I know I'm reaching for what's best, I feel it strong and clear. Every day I'll try, I'll fail, And then I try again. I know that it's a worthy cause, This battle I must win.

And every morning when I wake, I'll fight for what is mine.
This is my cause, my destiny,
It is my right divine.

At times I feel it start to slip, I freeze, I rearrange, This journey will not be for naught Although it seems deranged.

I've worked so hard to beat these tests; My allies by my side. I see the end draw near and cry, "This life is now my prize!"

I'll hold it close against my heart, This battle that I've fought, This victory was mine, I know, My life, and this, my lot.