



SPORTSMAN PRAYER

**Dear lord, in the battle that runs through life,
I ask, but a field that is fair,
A chance that is equal to all in the strife,
The courage to do and to dare.
If I should win, let me not be proud,
With faith and honour held high,
If I should lose, let me stand in the crowd,
And cheer, as the winners go by.
God teach to conquer,
If conquer, I can, having shown my worth in the fray,
If I should lose, let me lose like a man,
and not like a coward I pray.
Let me say, "here they ride,
Who have kept the code,
they were better men than I"
let me stand with a smile by the side of the road,
and cheer as the winners go by.**