Let Us Smile

The thing that goes the farthest
toward making life worthwhile,
that costs the least and does the most
is just a pleasant smile.
That smile that bubbles from the heart
That loves its fellow men, will drive away
The clouds of gloom and coax the sun again.
It’s full of worth and goodness, too, with manly
Kindness blent; it’s worth a million dollars, and it
doesn’t cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a
Cheery smile; it always has the same good look;
It’s never out of style.
It nerves us on to try again
When failure makes us blue;
The dimples of encouragement
Are good for me and you.
It pays the highest interest-
For its merely lent;
Its worth a million dollars
And it doesn’t cost a cent.

A smile comes very easy-
You can wrinkle up with cheer
A hundred times before
You can squeeze out a salty tear;
It ripples out, moreover,
To the heartstrings that will tug,
And always leaves an echo
That is very like a hug.
So smile away! Folks understand
What by a smile is meant;
It’s worth a million dollars,
And it doesn’t cost a cent.

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