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Don't Give Up!



If you've tried and have not won,
Never stop for crying;
All's that's great and good is done
Just by patient trying.

Though young birds, in flying, fall,
Still their wings grow stronger;
And the next time they can keep
Up a little longer.



Though the sturdy oak has known
Many a blast that bowed her,
She has risen again, and grown
Loftier and prouder.

If by easy work you beat,
Who the more will prize you?
Gaining victory from defeat –
That's the test that tries you!

- Phoebe Cary



- **give up:** Here, it means lose heart and stop trying.
- **sturdy:** strong

- **has known many a blast:** has survived many blows of stormy winds
- **Loftier:** taller and stronger
- **you beat:** Here, it means 'you win'.

POINTERS

1. Have you ever given up on something good? Share your story with your friend.
2. Your friend fell down learning to ride a bicycle, and now has given it up altogether. What do you think will be the poet's advice? Write it down.

