Poem: Try, Try Again

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'T is a lesson you should heed, Try,try, try again; If at first you don't succeed, Try, try, try again; Then your courage should appear, For, if you will persevere, You will conquer, never fear; Try, try again. Once or twice though you should fail, Try, try again; If you would at last prevail, Try, try again; If we strive, 'tis no disgrace Though we do not win the race; What should you do in the case? Try, try again. If you find your task is hard, Try, try again; Time will bring you your reward, Try, try again. All that other folks can do, Why, with patience, should not you? Only keep this rule in view: Try, try again.



Questions:

- 1. What is the rule according to the poem?
- 2. Why should one follow this rule?
- 3. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?
- 4. What lessons would one learn when they "try again"?
- 5. Have you ever fail at a task? How did you feel? What did you do after?
- 6. Write a short paraphrase of this poem.
- 7. What figure of speech is used in this poem? Give an example.

