

# Thoroughbred Code

by Calvin Coolidge

I believe in work,  
    For discontent and labor are not often companions.  
I believe in thrift,  
    For to store up a little regularly is to store up character as well.  
I believe in simple living,  
    For simplicity means health and health means happiness.  
I believe in loyalty,  
    For if I am not true to others, I cannot be true to myself.  
I believe in holding up my chin,  
    For self-respect commands respect from others.  
I believe in keeping up the courage,  
    For troubles flee before a brave front.  
I believe in bracing up my brother,  
    For an encouraging word may save the day for him.  
I believe in living up to that best that is in me,  
    For to lower the standard is to give up the fight.