

-DEAR RALPH-

You have reached another milestone
On this busy road of life,
May it prove to be the greatest
In this unsettled world of strife.

May you set your goal the highest
For the coming months and years;
Trusting in Gods strength to help you
You can never know a fear.

It will not be easy traveling
Past the many signs you'll see;
For the pleasures of the idlers,
Who do not care great men to be.

But with patience keep on plodding,
Hold on high your banner neat;
For t'will show to those who love you,
You will never know defeat.

For Gods grace is all sufficient,
If you only trust in Him;
As you travel on this highway,
Be it bright or be it dim.

And so my dear, I wish for you
Many years of usefulness;
Each crowned with wisdom, love and peace
As you press on to win success.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER THOMAS.

AGE 85 YEARS.

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