

Dear Ralph

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You have reached another mile stone  
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 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 real-  
For I will show to those who love you,  
You will never know defeat.