

## **Your Mission**

Sidney Martin Grannis - 1862

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If you cannot on the ocean sail among the swiftest fleet  
Rocking on the highest billows, laughing at the storms you meet  
You can stand among the sailors anchored yet within the bay  
You can lend a hand to help them as they launch their boats away  
As they launch their boats away

If you are too weak to journey up the mountain steep and high  
You can stand within the valley while the multitudes go by  
You can chant in happy chorus as they slowly pass along  
Though they may forget the singer, they will not forget the song  
They will not forget the song.

If you cannot in the conflict prove yourself a soldier true  
If where smoke and fire are thickest there's no work for you to do  
When the battlefield is silent you can go with careful tread  
You can bear away the wounded, you can cover up the dead  
You can cover up the dead.

Do not then stand idly waiting for some greater work to do  
Fortune is a lazy goddess, she will never come to you  
Go and toil in any vineyard. Do not fear to do or dare  
If you want a field of labor, you can find it anywhere  
You can find it anywhere.

### ***As Sung on Judy Cook's CD "Lincoln's America"***

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