

# Worthy Smile

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On "Long Hours"

Why press forward for that extra mile  
after exhaustion sets in, and it's so very hard to smile?

Why work even harder when we have little left to give,  
when we ache with tired dismay from recent hours that we've lived?

Why keep forcing forward for someone else's fun?  
Why fix all their "brokens" beneath the sweltering sun?

Why care that the time they spend here is as special as can be?  
There are other lakes, other mountains...even sparkling seas.

But, I think the answer is before us, when the shoe's on the other foot.  
How would we have it done, if someone else's time was put...

to fixing all our "brokens" and making us feel special,  
and treating us compassionately...not crass and superficial.

There will come a time in all lives when efforts will be rewarded.  
It might take days...even years...but one will be afforded...

a long forgotten "thank you" will somehow come our way.  
We might not even remember from what action on what day.

But, nonetheless, it will be there...when we least expect it.  
That warm smile will come **our** way...and we'll savor every bit.

So, **I** choose to press on when I'm tired, and force a heart-felt smile,  
And for what it's worth...it has been worth all the while.