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I believe there are infinite possibilities in this world just waiting to reward the one who is brave enough to stand up and declare he wants to be better. I also believe that failure, no matter how frequent, is never a bad thing because it inevitably leaves us with more chance for success. Finally I believe in living for the moment and having something at the end of your life that proves you have lived it. In my short time in this life I have come to learn that when one door closes on us, another often opens. However, we are too busy feeling sorry for ourselves, too busy grieving the sudden fading of the old, that we fail to even notice the new. We are too busy squabbling in self pity to see the new opportunities that have opened before us. In this way, we not only lose one chance, but two. I refuse to surrender both. I say, if one door closes on you, so be it. So what if it can't last, or that you didn't win. Remember it in its prime, and never let the good times fade. But do not waste your tears on something that can't be saved. I say turn away and square your shoulders. Find the new door and charge through it. Experience as much as you can and never let your memories die away. Refuse to accept defeat. Refuse to be satisfied. Convince yourself that the world is not big enough for you and try your hand at everything you find in your path. Even if you are turned away time and time again, you will be happier in the end for having tried and failed than having never tried at all. These are the words by which I try to live my life. Everything we do makes us better. We gain experience from our endeavors and slowly, we become the great people we always wanted to be. Even the things that go wrong, the things we don't win, the

things that hurt us, ultimately build us up. Sooner or later the pain vanishes after a crushing defeat, and bruises go away. But the memories we make along the way, they stay with us forever and entertain us in our years of old age. We are young and strong and full of life. But this will not always be true. So go out and do the things you want to do while you can. Don't worry about tomorrow, and don't regret yesterday. Live like your dying and greedily seize every whirling second of your life.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” ~Mark Twain