

## Do Your Best

*Johnny Patterson*

In this world I have gained my knowledge and for it I had to pay,  
Although I never went to college, yet I hear the poets say.

Life is but a mighty river, rolling on from day to day  
Men are vessels launched upon it sometimes wrecked and cast away.

***Chorus:*** So do your best for one another  
Making life a pleasant dream  
Help the poor and weary brother  
Pulling hard against the stream

Many a bright good(\*) hearted fellow, many a noble minded man  
Finds himself in waters shallow, go assist him if you can

Some succeeds at every turning, fortune favours every squall  
Others not a friend or shilling pulling hard against them all

***Chorus:*** Do your best for one another  
Making life a pleasant dream  
Help the poor and weary brother  
Pulling hard against the stream

If the wind blow in your favour and you weather every squall  
Think of those with luckless labour never met(\*\*) fair winds at all.

Working hard, discontented struggling on through oceans wide  
Not a friend or not a shilling pulling hard against the tide

Don't give way to foolish sorrow this should keep all in good cheer  
Brighter days will come tomorrow if we try and persevere

Longest night will have a morning though the sky is overcast  
The longest lane will have a turning and the tide will turn at last

***Chorus:*** Then do your best for one another  
Making life a pleasant dream  
Help the poor and weary brother  
Pulling hard against the stream

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\* (poor? good?)

\*\* (yet? met?)