

If.....then..... (inspired by Rudyard Kipling)
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If you can grow up free from life's burden,
And bask in all that God has created;
Then you shall bathe in peace and nature,
Achieve transcendence, elevated.

If you can listen yet dismiss the constant tumult,
That seems to follow us sun rise 'til set;
Then you will hear God's breath when winds blow,
And for his presence, be better yet.

If you can slow your pace of living,
And take a moment to walk with God;
Then you will come to know his splendor,
And truly then be shocked and awed.

If you leave behind the stress and hurry,
That seems to afflict your every day;
Then cling to calm and not to worry,
Slow the pulse of journey's way.

If you've dwelt in realms of darkness,
Searched high and low for an egress;
Then let the glimmer lead you clearly,
To God's home, free from duress.

If when you reach the end of this life,
Follow the light to heaven's door;
Then you will realize your life's purpose,
And that you took less and gave much more.