

**A Nation's Strength**  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Not gold, but only men can make,  
A people great and strong.  
Men who, for truth and honour's sake,  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly,  
They build a nation's pillars deep,  
And lift them to the sky.

Words	Meanings
honour	self-respect
stand fast	stand firmly
fly	run away in fear
dare	show courage
pillars	foundations

**EXERCISES**

1. Answer the following questions.
  - i. Write in your own words the main idea of the poem.
  - ii. Write a paragraph on "Character of a Brave Man." Use these adjectives to describe the character: brave, truthful, honourable, hardworking, strong, great
2. Write down the rhyming words used in the poem.  
Example: make, sake
3. Add two more rhyming words in each line.
  - i. gold, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. stand, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. dare, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
4. Write down the nouns and verbs used in the poem.