There is Always a Way to Rise

There is always a way to rise, my boy,
Always a way to advance;
Yet the road that leads to Mount Success
Does not pass by the way of Chance
But goes through the stations of Work and Strive,
through the valley of Persevere;
And the man that succeeds while others fail,
Must be willing to pay most dear.

For there's always a way to fall my boy, Always a way to slide, And the men you find at the foot of the hill All sought for the easy ride. So on and up, though the road be rough, And the storms come thick and fast; There is room at the top for the man who tries, And victory comes at last.

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