

# DESIDERATA

by Max Ehrmann

Go **placidly** amid the noise and the **haste**, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the **dull** and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are **vexatious** to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become **vain** or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however **humble**; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what **virtue** there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not **feign** affection. Neither be **cynical** about love; for in the face of all **aridity** and disenchantment, it is as **perennial** as the grass.

Take kindly the **counsel** of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to **shield** you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of **fatigue** and loneliness.

Beyond a **wholesome** discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is **unfolding** as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its **sham**, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. **Strive** to be happy.

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healthly	try	protect	forever	hurry	boring
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Max Ehrmann (1927)

*"Desiderata"* (Latin: "desired things")



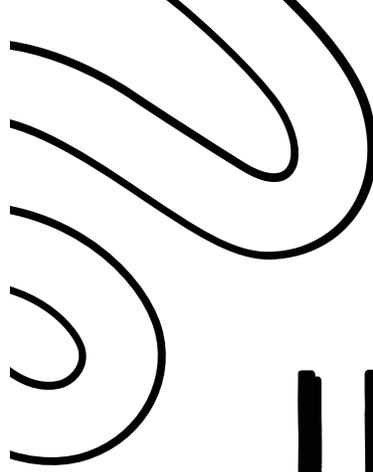
# *Life Advice*



Do



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# 3 PIECES OF LIFE ADVICE

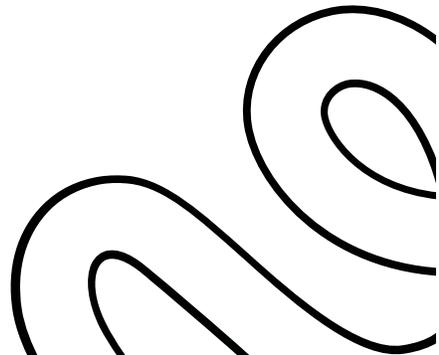


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