



UNLOCKING
CONSCIOUSNESS



BRIAN MIND FORUM

Appendix 044

Invictus

Aloud am and (3) as be beyond black bloody bludgeonings but (2)
Captain chance charged circumstance clutch covers cried

Fate fell find finds for from gate gods have head horror how (2)
I (4) in is it looms master matters me (2) menace my (3) night nor not (2)

of (5) out pit pole (2) place punishments scroll shade shall soul (2) strait
the (11) tears thank that there this to years yet winced with whatever wrath
unafraid unconquerable unbow'd under

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud,
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbow'd.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

W. E. Henley

Another example of the Emergent power of poetry is Vita Lampada, beloved of the public schools and the Army. The thirty eight words of the second verse are:-

a 3, and 5; banks, broke blind, brimmed, but; colonel's; dead, death, desert, dust; England's; far, game, Gatling's; has, his, honour; jammed; name; of 4; play 3; rallies, ranks, red 2, regiment, river, sand, schoolboy, smoke, square; that the 10; up 2voice; with 2, wreck.

Vita Lampada

There's a breathless hush in the Close to-night –
Ten to make and the match to win –
A bumping pitch and blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in. And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote –
'Play up! Play up! And play the game!'

The Sand of the desert is running red,
Red with the wreck of a square that broke;
The Gatling's jammed and the Colonel dead,
And the regiment blind with dust and smoke.
The river of death has brimmed his banks,
And England's far, and Honour a name,
But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the ranks:
'Play up! Play up! And play the game!'

Henry Newbolt.

Egypt. Gordon Relief Expedition. Battle of Abu Klea, 17th January 1885.
Fought by the 176 Field Battery, Royal Artillery, who closed the broken square
The 176 Field Battery was awarded 'Abu Klea' as a Battle Honour in 1955, while
serving in the 45th Field Regiment, British Army of the Rhine.

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