

Estimado don Joaquín,

Después de leer su artículo de hoy en La Nación,
he pensado que talvez Usted ya conoce la siguiente poesía, pero por si no
fuere así, me permito transcribirsela a continuación:

If with pleasure you are viewing,
Any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him tell him now,
Don't withhold your approbation
Till the parson makes oration
And he lies with snowy lilies on his brow.
For no matter how you shout it,
He won't really care about it,
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.
If you think some praise is due him,
Now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he is dead.

More than fame and more than money,
Is the comment kind and sunny
And the hearty warm approval of a friend.
For it gives to live a savour
And it makes you stronger, braver,
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end.
If he earns your praise bestow it,
If you like him let him know it,
Let the words of true encouragement be said.
Do not wait till live is over
And he's underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

Lo saluda afectuosamente,

Lila

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