

# “Brighten Your Corner”

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~


We cannot all be famous  
Or be listed in “Who’s Who,”  
But every person, great or small,  
Has important work to do.

For seldom do we realize  
The importance of small deeds,  
Or to what degree of greatness  
Unnoticed kindness leads.

For it’s not the big celebrity  
In a world of fame and praise,  
But it’s doing unpretentiously  
In an undistinguished way.

The work that God assigned to us,  
Unimportant as it seems,  
That makes our task outstanding,  
And brings reality to dreams.





So do not sit and idly wish  
For wider, new dimensions  
where you can put into practice,  
Your many good intentions.

But at the spot God placed you  
Begin at once to do,  
Little things to brighten up  
The lives surrounding you.

If everybody brightened up  
The spot where their standing,  
By being more considerate,  
And a little less demanding.

This dark old world would very soon  
Eclipse the evening star,  
If everybody brightened up  
The corner where they are!