

To ride boldly at
what is in front of you
be it fence or enemy
do pray not for comfort
but for combat; do
remember that duty is not
to be proved in the evil day
but then to be obeyed un-
questioning; to love glory
more than the temptation
of wallowing ease but
to know that one's final
judge and only rival is
oneself. For high and dangerous
action teaches us to believe
as might beyond dispute
things for which our

doubting minds are slow
to find words of proof
Out of heroism grows
faith in the worth of
heroism. The proof comes
later and even may
never come.

Oliver Wendell Holmes