

## A PATRIOTIC CREED (Edgar A. Guest)

To serve my country day by day,  
At any humble post I may,  
To honor and respect her flag,  
To live the traits of which I brag,  
To be an American in deed,  
As well as in my printed creed.

To stand for truth and honest toil,  
To till my little patch of soil,  
To keep in mind the debt I owe,  
To them who died that I might know  
My country, prosperous and free,  
And passed this heritage to me.

I always must in trouble's hour  
Be guided by the men in power,  
For god and country I must live,  
My best for God and country give.  
No act of mine that men can scan  
Must shame the name American.

To do my best and play my part,  
American in mind and heart,  
To serve the flag and bravely stand,  
To guard the glory of the land,  
To be American in deed;  
God grant me strength to keep this creed.

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