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Nothing sharpens a man's wit like poverty. Hence, many of the greatest men have originally been poor. Poverty often purifies and braces a man's morals. To spirited people, difficult tasks are usually the most delightful ones. If we may rely upon the testimony of history, men are brave, truthful and magnanimous not in proportion to their wealth, but in proportion to their smallness of means. And the best are often the poorest—always supposing that they have sufficient to meet their temporal wants. A divine has said that God has created poverty, but He has not created misery. And poverty is honourable, misery is humiliating; inasmuch as the latter is for the most

part the result of misconduct, and often of idleness and drunkenness. Poverty is not disgrace to him who can put up with it; but he who finds the beggar's staff once get warm in his hand, never does any good, but a great amount of evil. The poor are often the happiest of people, far more so than the rich; but though they may be envied, no one will be found willing to take their place. Moore has told the story of the overfed over-satisfied eastern ruler who sent a messenger to travel through the world, in order to find out the happiest man. When discovered, the messenger was immediately to seize him, take his shirt off his back, and bring it to the Caliph. The messenger found the happiest man, an Irishmen—happy, dancing, and flourishing his shillelagh but when the ambassador proceeded to seize him, and undress him, he found the Irishman had got no shirt to his back.

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Vocabulary

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Poverty shapes a Man

Poverty sharpens a man. Many of the greatest men have been poor. In the history, men are brave and honest not because of their wealth, but in their sufficient needs. God has created poverty, but ^{he has} not created misery.

Poverty is honorable, it is not disgrace but misery is humiliating. The person who becomes the beggar does not do anything good and do lots of evil things. Poors are the happiest people rather than rich. Moore has told the story of the over-satisfied ruler who investigate a happy man and find out that the happiest man is a poor, who had ^{got} no shirt ~~on~~ to his back. (105)