

Poem: Try, Try Again

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'T is a lesson you should heed,
Try, try, try again;
If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try, try again;
Then your courage should appear,
For, if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear;
Try, try again.
Once or twice though you should fail,
Try, try again;
If you would at last prevail,
Try, try again;
If we strive, 'tis no disgrace
Though we do not win the race;
What should you do in the case?
Try, try again.
If you find your task is hard,
Try, try again;
Time will bring you your reward,
Try, try again.
All that other folks can do,
Why, with patience, should not you?
Only keep this rule in view:
Try, try again.



Questions:

1. What is the rule according to the poem?
2. Why should one follow this rule?
3. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?
4. What lessons would one learn when they “try again”?
5. Have you ever fail at a task? How did you feel? What did you do after?
6. Write a short paraphrase of this poem.
7. What figure of speech is used in this poem? Give an example.

