BEYOND the HILL

A Poem About Teamwork and Overcoming Adversity



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Beyond The Hill...

I was sprawled on the couch With no passion at all Just waiting for something... And then came a call.

My teammates were coming, With a map and a car. They were planning a journey And they hoped to go far.

The whole team arrived, And I met them outside. Then hopped in the car, And we started to ride.

Not one had yet been
To the place we were going.
In our minds, though, we saw it And excitement was growing.

But when the road ended, We grew silent and still And we stared in amazement At the height of a hill

The back seat had been cozy, And took no work at all -But it would take sweat To climb something this tall.

I inched out of the car And sat down in frustration -This hill just might keep us From our destination

The problem before us Just **looked far too high** Then someone exclaimed-"Well, let's give it a try!"

So we started to climb Up a trail we had found Then the path disappeared, And a few of us frowned.



My breathing was heavy - I complained with a sigh. The group had grown tired, The hill seemed too high.

Then a leader stood up, Shook the map at our team, And said "This is the price If we still want our dream!"

So we encouraged each other When the climbing was tough, And we worked well together When one wasn't enough

We just kept on climbing -It seemed crazy to me, Then a teammate fell down After twisting his knee.

"That's the last straw!" I said, "Time to quit this charade."
But someone pointed out All the progress we'd made.

We surveyed the distance -We had come quite a way! And with evening approaching We decided to stay.

Our camp was established At the place we had rested, And the very next morning The group's will would be tested.

"This is nice," someone said With a bright, sunrise smile Then another suggested "Let's stay here for a while!"

"Not a chance!" someone said With now fiery eyes "To stay here would give up On our intended prize!"



"Contentment looks back At the things we have done-But our prize is beyond this! And **climbing is fun!**"

The team glanced uphill And we couldn't say no So we packed up our things And I said, "Here we go!"

We all later realized,
When the peak was in sight,
That we needed our teammates
To help do what was right!

All the nagging, and pushing, All the sweat and the time Felt finally worth it -When we finished the climb.

The whole team celebrated With a yell and a clap - But the leader then sobered Our mood with the map.

"Enjoy this nice view that You've earned on the way-But **remember our goal** We can't camp here today!"

He spoke these few words To a team that was tired But instead of frustrated, They left us inspired!

So we jumped to our feet And all started to move We had **passion and purpose** Something more left to prove!

So our journey continues -We got over that hill. It was not there to stop us, But to test our team's will...

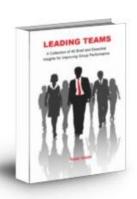




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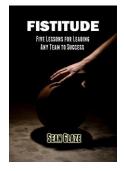
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