



## **BE A WINNER** by Nancy Smith

Winners take chances.  
Like everyone else, they fear failing,  
but they refuse to let fear control them.  
Winners don't give up.  
When life gets rough, they hang in until  
the going gets better.  
Winners are flexible.  
They realize there is more than one way  
and are willing to try others.  
Winners know they are not perfect.  
They respect their weaknesses  
while making the most of their strengths.  
Winners fall, but they don't stay down.  
They stubbornly refuse to let a fall  
keep them from climbing.

Winners don't blame fate for their failures  
nor luck for their successes.  
Winners accept responsibility for their lives.  
Winners are positive thinkers  
who see good in all things.  
From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.  
Winners believe in the path they have chosen  
even when it's hard,  
even when others can't see  
where they are going.  
Winners are patient.  
They know a goal is only as worthy  
as the effort that's required to achieve it.  
Winners make this world to a better place be.