

The Average Man

Mine is a song of the average man
Who has been on earth since the world began!
You'll find him kind and you'll find him true,
You'll find him cheerful and happy, too.
He's never proud and he's never mean,
He walks the earth with a conscience clean,
The squarest fellow that God could plan
On earth today is the average man.

He loves his wife and he loves his home,
He isn't the fellow who likes to roam;
He keeps his love for his fellow man
And bears his burden as best he can;
He's a gentle neighbor, a faithful friend,
And will fight for him to the bitter end;
The decentest fellow that God could plan
On earth today is the average man.

The average man doesn't cheat or lie
Or wrong his brothers. He doesn't try
To climb to glory and gain the crown
By pulling a weaker brother down.
He's always found on the side of right,
His creed is always a spotless white;
And oft as the wrongs of the world I scan,
I thank the Lord for the average man.

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