

# Glory Of The Garden

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There's nothing that grows  
But they can roll and trim the lawns and sift the sand and  
For the Glory of the Garden occupieth all who come.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made  
By singing:—"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade  
While better men than we go out and start their working  
At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner

There's not a pair of legs so thin, there's not a head so thin  
There's not a hand so weak and white, nor yet a heart so  
But it can find some needful job that's crying to be done,  
For the Glory of the Garden glorifieth every one.

Then seek your job with thankfulness and work till further  
It's only netting strawberries or killing slugs on borders

And when your back stops aching and your hands begin  
You will find yourself a partner in the Glory of the Garden

Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees  
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees  
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands  
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!  
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Our England is a garden that is full of stately views,  
Of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues  
With statues on the terraces and peacocks strutting by;  
But the Glory of the Garden lies in more than meets the eye

For where the thick laurels grow, along the thin red wall,  
You will find the tool- and potting-sheds which are the hall  
The cold-frames and the hot-houses, the dungpits and the

The rollers, carts and drain-pipes, with the barrows and the

And there you'll see the gardeners, the men and 'prentice  
Told off to do as they are bid and to it without noise;  
For, except when seeds are planted and we shout to scare  
The Glory of the Garden it abideth not in words.

And some can pot begonias and some can bud a rose,

*Rudyard Kipling*



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