

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN

Never break a promise, lad;
Never break thy word;
Never kiss a lady's lips
Lest thou seem absurd.

Be a rock the girls can trust;
Never tell a lie;
Never come thou back again,
When thou hast said good-by.

Never let them wonder, lad;
If thou'lt be on time;
Pay thy debts with diamonds
And never with a rhyme.

Never be a foolish lad;
Never fool a maid;
Make of honor a business,
Make of truth a trade.

Do thou as I tell thee, lad;
Be the best of men,
And girls won't write of thee in verse
Nor think of thee again.