

“All It Takes Is One”

A Poem by “Little Gregory”

One moment of grace
One leap of faith
Or even just
One warm and welcoming
Embrace or mere gaze
Is enough
To make a mark
Upon a heart
That will never, ever fade...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one smile extended
One stranger befriended
Or even just
One argument or mere grudge
Peacefully, permanently ended
Is enough
To heal a wound
Which even over many moons
Would have never been entirely mended...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one, “I’m sorry.”
One, “Don’t worry...”
Or even just
One, “Hey!”
Or mere, “How are you doing?”
Is enough
To change a mind
About the gift of life
Being truly worth living...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one compliment given
One sacrifice hidden
Or even just
One injustice or mere annoyance
Freely, fully forgiven
Is enough
To plant a seed
That will bear much fruit for many
In the glories of eternity’s gardens...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one tender touch
One encouraging nudge
Or even just
One attitude or mere act
Of total, unconditional trust
Is enough
To move a mountain
That for so long from within
Seemed impossible to even budge...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one complaint withheld
One outburst quelled
Or even just
One occasion or mere temptation
Toward sin and selfishness expelled
Is enough
To calm a storm
Along the raging seas and inner shores
Of somebody needing healing by simply being heard and held
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one kindness rendered
One impulse hindered
Or even just
One dream or mere desire
Secretly, silently surrendered
Is enough
To re-spark a hope
Deep down within a soul
That could only be divinely rekindled...
Yes, all it takes is one!

For one Holy Communion made
One heavenly inspiration obeyed
Or even just
One Rosary or mere Hail Mary
Fervently, full-heartedly prayed
Is enough
To open a door
Of infinite mercy instantly outpoured
So that someone, somewhere may be forever saved...

Yes, indeed, all it takes is one!
One to truly care
One to gladly share
Or even just one
Doing nothing more
Than merely *being there*
Is enough
To help another
Carry a cross
Of loneliness and loss
Once too hard and heavy to bear...

For truly, all it took was One:
God's Only Begotten Son
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Laying down His very Life
In the most painful but perfect Sacrifice
To prove to one and all, once and for all
How precious and priceless we each are in His Eyes!

And thus, for each of us to make this whole world here below
Feel more and more like Heaven up above
Doesn't require endless hours, countless dollars, or even boundless efforts...
No, all it takes is One:
Yes, all it takes is Love!

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