

Leadership Curriculum (Lesson)

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A poem to read and discuss ...

The Building

I watched them tearing the building down
 a group of men in a busy town
With a, "Ho! Heave! Ho!" and a lusty yell,
 they swung a beam and a side wall fell
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled?
 The kind I'd hire if I wanted to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed!
 Why, common labor is all I need."
"These men can wreck in a day or two
 what builders have taken years to do."
I asked myself as I went away,
 "Which of these roles have I tried to play?"
"Have I been a builder that works with care,
 Measuring my deeds by the rule and square.
Or am I a wrecker that stalks the town,
 content with the job of tearing it down?"