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It is not the critic that counts,  
nor the man who points out how  
the strong man stumbled,  
nor where the doer of deeds could  
have been done better.

The credit belongs to the man  
who is actually in the arena—  
whose face is marred  
by dust and sweat and blood;  
who strives valiantly—  
who errs and comes short again  
and again—  
who knows the great enthusiasms,  
the great devotions,  
and spends himself in a worthy  
cause;

Who at best knows the end of  
the triumph of high achievement,  
and who at worst, if he fails,  
at least fails while doing greatly,  
so that his place shall never be  
with those cold and timid souls  
who know neither victory nor  
defeat!”

~Theodore Roosevelt