**Success is Counted Sweetest**

Success is counted sweetest  
By those who ne'er succeed.  
To comprehend a nectar  
Requires sorest need.  
  
Not one of all the purple Host  
Who took the Flag today  
Can tell the definition  
So clear of Victory  
  
As he defeated--dying--  
On whose forbidden ear  
The distant strains of triumph  
Burst agonized and clear!

Emily Dickinson