

## AGAINST ALL ODDS

The Lord has no favorites, and yet He shows favor,  
Grants grace unto Noah for building his boat,  
But also has mercy on us as we labor  
By causing lost axe-heads of iron to float.

He faithfully shepherds the stars in their courses,  
And nourishes flowers in fields as they bloom.  
He cares for lost coins and for tragic divorces,  
For each sleepless night or for sleep in the tomb.

No mountain is steeper, no valley is deeper,  
No test is too great nor a trouble too small,  
Than help from the hand of our Maker and Keeper  
Will answer our faith as we follow His call.

— *David L. Hatton, 9/14/2011*