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## Memorial Day

Is it enough to think to-day  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll—  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

*Annette Wynne*



As this poem reminds us, it is not enough to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day only. While it is proper and fitting that a special day of remembrance has been set aside, we should be inspired each and every day by their memory, and encouraged throughout the year to carry on the ideals for which they fought.

So, absolutely, participate in those special observances planned for Memorial Day, but remember them also in your day-to-day life and use their memory to rouse that sense of patriotism and civic duty in you and in those around you!

*“Keep green their memory!”*

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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