When I read the Bible through

I supposed I knew my Bible
Reading piecemeal hit and miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,
Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third),
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs
Yes. I thought I knew the Word.
But I found that thorough reading
Was a different thing to do,
And the way was unfamiliar
When I read the Bible through.

Oh, the massive, mighty volume!
Oh, the treasures manifold:
Oh, the beauty of the wisdom
What a radiant procession
Of its comrade peaks around it
And the grace it proved to hold!
Yes, I thought I knew the Word;
What a different thing to do,
And the tragedy of Job;
And yawn through a hurried prayer;
Just before you kneel, aweary,
Dip and dabble, here and there,
You who like to play at Bible,
You will kneel in very rapture
When you read the Bible through.

— Amos R. Wells

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— Henry van Dyke