

THE AMBULANCE DOWN IN THE VALLEY

'Twas a dangerous cliff as they freely
confessed,
though to walk near its edge was quite
pleasant.

But over the side slipped a duke and a prince,
and it had fooled many a peasant.

The people all said something had to be done,
though their projects did not at all tally.
Some said put a fence round the edge of the
cliff,
others, an ambulance down in the valley.

The lament of the crowd was profound and so
loud.
as their hearts overflowed with great pity.
But the ambulance carried the cry of the day,
as it spread to the neighboring cities.

A collection was made to accumulate aid,
and dwellers in highway and alley,
gave dollars and cents not to furnish a fence,
but an ambulance down in the valley

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful" they
said,
"And if folks ever trip and are falling,
Its not the slipping and sliding that hurts,
so much as the shock when they're stopping."

And so on for years as these mishaps
occurred
a quick forth would the rescuers sally,
to pick up the victims who fell from the cliff,
with the ambulance down in the valley.

Said one in his plea, "It's a marvel to me,
that you give so much greater attention
to repairing results than to curing the cause -
why, you'd much better aim at prevention."

"The mischief of course should be stopped at
its source,
come friends and good neighbors, lets rally.
It makes far better sense to rely on a fence,
than an ambulance down in the valley."

"He's wrong in his head," the majority said,
"He would end all out earnest endeavors.
He's the kind of a jerk that would halt our
good work,
but we will support it forever."

"Don't we pick up them all just as quick as
they fall,
and treat them with care quite liberally?
A superfluous fence is of no consequence,
if the ambulance works in the valley."

Well the story is queer as I've given it here
Though things oft occur which are stranger
More humane we assert to repair all the hurt
Than to plan of removing the danger

Before it all ends its time to begin
to attend to these things – rationally.
Yes, build up the fence and let us dispense
with the ambulance down in the valley.

