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. . . the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.

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The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.