

A Simple Poet on the Simple Life by Vassar Miller

It's okay to believe, good friends,  
If you know not to trust  
The ones who dare not make amends  
Because they've made a bust.

Good friends, it's all right to believe  
The truth our Lord has said,  
Which isn't, "Blest are the naive  
For they may wind up dead."

Yes, blessed are the pure, for they  
Shall see what Radiance lit them -  
Not, blessed are the dopes that  
They do not know what hit them.

So friends, until we have departed  
This vale where eyes are blinded,  
For god's sake do keep simple-hearted,  
Just don't stay simple-minded.

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