



“Esteem” by Michael K. Primavera  
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Esteem is very valuable,  
A good-deed doer’s prize.  
It lands a person favorably  
In other people’s eyes.

Some might say it clever, though  
To spell the word, “esteem”  
And demonstrate obtaining it  
With players on a team.

The players with esteem  
Play well but they do more.  
They also motivate the team  
And help the others score.

You’ve surely heard the saying,  
“It’s lonely at the top.”  
The footing can be treacherous.  
The floor may quickly drop.

You never know what lies ahead.  
In case the saying’s true,  
It wouldn’t be a bad idea  
To bring some friends with you.