



Tell Yourself You Can

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Ben Franklin couldn't fly his kite in the rain,
But he kept on trying again and again.
Persistence was the key, he got his kite in the sky.
If that shocks you, I don't know why.

Do you think Ford's first engine never stalled out?
Henry kept improving it dispelling all doubt.
Trial and error was his major decree.
Model B -- nowhere near as good as T.

Track 9

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Another of the early songs written in the 70's and first performed at the Hinge Coffee House at Fairlane Manor in Dearborn, Mich. This may be the *punniest* song I have written. The main theme however is very sincere. It is never giving up. This song is a reminder that we should always keep working in a positive way despite stumbles or bumps and setbacks. Success comes in cans, not in can'ts.

CHORUS:

Don't let your failures discourage you.
Let your successes encourage you.
Tell yourself you can, then pursue.
You'll find it makes a difference.

They told the Wrights they were on the wrong track.
Will and Orville wouldn't let that hold them back.
Belief in what they did was a necessity.
Now the results are plane to see.

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