

THE MINDS OF MEN

They start to tell you of the
World when first you see them
through your eyes.

Your mind is fresh and clear
as snow and your interest never
dies.

Thru those early dawn fresh
days of birth and growth of
mind and body.

They teach you things that
you should know.

Things that time alone will
sow.

Words they tell you that are
true.

Words like trust, and know-
ledge, success and fame.

These your fruitful mind
should accrue and claim.

They tell you of the feats
of men and times long past
before you came.

They tell you of the Nations
strength and why the cause was
fought.

And when through all the
years of books and tests.

Through many days of quiet
unrest, they change your mind
and challenge your choice of
why's and how's that you have
voiced.

They never tell you what to
say, instead they'll argue which
way is best for you to pray.

They say "don't cry and be a
man".

But yet they never tell you
how you can.

These famous words you'd
hear back then.

In the twilight of your teens.

So now you're here amongst
the crowd, your mind is free to
voice your choice but yet you
wait.

You hesitate.

And then they tell you it's
late.

"Decisions must be made and
and done, for us to operate"

"Decisions must be made for us
but not through minds that will
dictate".

And decide upon our fate.

These words you hear and
take to heart and then decide
you will not hide or hesitate,
your thoughts and choices you
make clear for those who take
the time to hear.

You've come into yourself, a
man, deciding now the why's
and how's of life and people
far and near and opinions that
you hear.

You find that all will not go
well, if you make yourself com-
pell the other minds of men to
hear the truth behind the lies.

The reasons why they act so
strong, if perhaps, they only be
so strong, if perhaps, they only
be wrong.

The reasons why they maybe
laugh, when the time is near to
shed a tear.

Your mind goes back in
memory then.

To the phrase that you heard
a lie back then and still a lie to
those that say.

"Be a man and do not cry"
After all to feel your thoughts
and express yourself, to say "Be
Real" and be sincere.

Is a human thing that one
can't hide, or in hearing lies, in
those abide.

— Phil Kelly