

## ALSO RAN!

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I read about a man who owns a racehorse  
that has never tasted victory at all;  
he's run his horse in nearly ninety races,  
then led him back, defeated, to his stall.

Yet, even in the throes of disappointment  
at another race to glory never won,  
he grooms his pride and joy and gets him ready  
for another chance at victory number one.

He and his horse are nearing their retirement;  
he knows he might not ever see him win;  
but love and faith and grim determination  
will make him hit the starting gate again.

A road is just a dream unless it's driven;  
you'll never reach your goal by standing still;  
and love is just a word until it's given;  
pour out your heart, or it will never fill.

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