

BECOMING BRIGHAM

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*Cut and fasten, sand and smooth,
Brigham was a worker in wood.
Of grain and fit and strength he knew;
What work he did, it stood.*

*A careful man, he did not go
With any wind that blew,
But weighed and thought and pondered,
And acted when he knew.*

*So it was with faith,
For he weighed the gospel well,
And when at length he knew,
He anchored heart and will.*

*No eager taker of the mantle
To prophet-teacher given,
He bore it nobly when it fell,
And bent his will to heaven's.*

*So it is with other prophets,
Each, like Brigham in his way,
Never seeking for the role,
Ever faithful to obey.*

*For each was ready at the call—
None's life was bent by careless choice—
Each prepared by heaven's tutelage
To hear and heed the Master's voice.*

