

ADDED ENTRIES

In Praise of Learning

Learn the simplest things! For you whose time has come
it is never too late!
Learn your ABC, it is not enough, but learn it!
Do not let it discourage you, begin!
You must know everything!
You must take over the leadership!
Learn, man in the asylum!
Learn, man in prison!
Learn, wife in the kitchen!
Learn, man of sixty!
Seek out the school, you who are homeless!
Sharpen your wits, you who shiver!
Hungry man, reach for the book:
It is a weapon.
You must take over the leadership!
Don't be afraid of asking, brother!
Don't be won over,
See for yourself!
What you don't know yourself, you don't know.
Add up the reckoning.
It's you who must pay it.
Put your finger on each item
ask how did it get here?
You must take over the leadership!

Bertolt Brecht, from a song written
for the play *Mother*, produced in 1935

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