

In response to the poem
What my Father Believed
by Robert Wrigley

The Self Made Man

by Bob Boucher, October 2011

All honor and glory, O self-made man,
O reaper of wheat, and wrangler of cows,
builder of structures both stately and tall
maker of tanks and ships and aero-planes
and satellites and walking on the moon,
so many things the self-made man can make
from earth's elements that are his to take.

Great Pyramids protect the Sacred Nile.
Saint Michael's sword severs the Norman sky.
Chartres celebrates the Virgin and her child.

Yes, all these man made miracles and more
the self-made man with wisdom and with skill
has changed the world according to his will.
Of these heroic men, let minstrels sing.