

For him a number of countries have laws imposing a penalty for failing to comply with his civic obligation to cast his vote. In a sense, this is part of his duty as a citizen to defend the state, the democratic state, which he may be required to perform. — *V. G. Sinco.*

SALUTATION TO THE DAWN

Look to this day
For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course
Lie all the verities and realities of your existence;
 The bliss of growth
 The glory of action
 The splendor of beauty,
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well lived makes every yesterday
 a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day!
Such is the salutation to the dawn.

— *Kalidasa.*