

Edgar Albert Guest



Forced to drop out of high school to help support his family, Edgar A. Guest started his long career at the *Detroit Free Press* as a copyboy. He eventually wrote a daily column, "Breakfast Table Chat," that included his own verse. These poems about everyday life were immensely popular throughout the country. A prolific writer of over 11,000 poems, Guest humbly called himself "a newspaper man who wrote verses."