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The wise man with 1000 books
yet never reads
is as wise as the savage with no books.
The wise man with a few dozen books,
thoroughly read, re-read, and annotated
wins victory over all.

Victory–Defeat,
The Victor read, the feet
go to the a-literate losers,
The non-reading choosers.

About the Author

Tom T. Nguyen is a Vietnamese-born bboy, writer, educator, and entrepreneur. He graduated from UCLA in 2010 with a degree in History and Civic Engagement. Tom co-founded the LA Street Dance Collective in 2006, and presided over the organization until 2010. In 2009, he was awarded a Certificate of Leadership by UCLA's Division of Student and Campus Life, and the Center for Student Programming. He is featured to give performances and workshops in the Southern California area. Currently, Tom is the founder of Do The Knowledge, an extracurricular learning center for students age 10-17, dedicated to creating transformative experiences through workshops, classes, and camp programs.