

A Nobler Heart

*Put ever goodness in thy store,
Choose the best for every part,
Let purity stand sentry at the door,
Keeping vigil for thy heart.*

*For when we feast on nobler things,
We fain would turn aside
To baser, crippling, lesser things,
Which haunt at eventide.*

*So choose the best, the good, the pure
In friends, in books, in art,
And you'll find treasures in thy store
Within a nobler heart.*

Shelley Hendry

Dedicated to young women everywhere with love and my sincerest prayers.