



**'A FACE LIKE A
CHICKEN'S BACKSIDE'**

If sweat be the price of captaincy,
Lord God, we ha' paid in full!

With apologies to Rudyard Kipling

And should you ask, where do they live
These men with skill superlative
Who showed superb initiative
Enhanced their name, achieved success
And gave the 'baddies' no redress?
– The Jungle is their home address.

Anon.

To sing by a hill river,
To work in the dark.

Nepalese proverb

My clothes get wet as I wear them,
They dry on me as I wear them:
That is why I grow old so quickly

Gurkha soldiers' saying

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