

Theodore Roosevelt.

(Am a private letter referring to one of his unusual presidential actions, Mr Roosevelt in substance said: "When I found myself hesitating about doing a thing, - not from doubt about its being the right thing to do, but creeping back before the connection it would stir up, - then I knew that and that only, was the thing for me to do, and I did it. ")

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A last salute to one whom all these years,
The world has watched deliver blow on blow
For truth and honesty. He did not know
It seemed, the sound of words like doubt ^{and fears}
Which clog the path of most men ^{and bring tears}
To eyes which love them. Of eternal right
His knowledge came from God ^{and in God's sight}
He fought ^{and} now the badge of greatness wears
Well won. Another claim and higher still
He has to human greatness. For his will
Was ever to ~~be~~ his own best self so true
That he could humbly say when conscience bid,
"That which I hesitated at, I know
I ought to do, — and so that thing I did."

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