

Obedience

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*If you're told to do a thing,
And mean to do it really;
Never let it be by halves;
Do it fully, freely!*

*Do not make a poor excuse,
Waiting, weak, unsteady;
All obedience worth the name,
Must be prompt and ready.*

Obedience (n)

the fact that people or animals do what they are told to do.

Excuse (v)

to forgive someone or something,
to allow someone not to do or attend something when they
normally would have to

Unsteady (adj)

not smooth or regular:
likely to change or to move, in a way that is worrying.

Steady (adj)

not moving or changing suddenly.

Prompt (adj)

(of an action) done quickly and without delay,

Prompt (v)

to make something happen