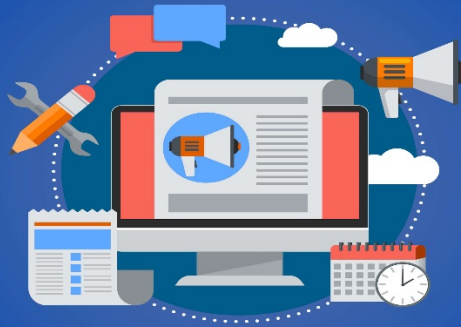


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'Good' isn't Good Enough!

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The other day someone said that life was good.
Where I come from that is bad, worse than bad,
Worse, should grammar allow it, than the worst.
All kinds of things are good—
Cold beer and warm weather,
Dark colours and bright philosophies,
Smooth jazz and smell of coffee—
But 'good' is bad because it isn't good enough,
Worse because it wasn't good enough,
And the worst because it won't be good enough:
'Good' is bad because it is never better—
Better than its friends, foes, or itself!
Were it the content of a container,
It would be happiness;
But it is often just a receptacle,
Looking out to be filled, and so
Is never quite full, is never good enough.

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