



## Alenka Bratušek

*»When you walk, follow your way to the end.  
In spring, to the rose in flower,  
in summer, to the ripened wheat,  
in autumn, to the well-stocked shelf,  
in winter, to the snow-white queen,  
in a book, to the last line recorded,  
in life, to the very truth,  
and in yourself – to a colour shed,  
over your cheeks blushing red.  
If you've failed the first time, the second, then,  
in attaining sorts and summits you pursue,  
try again, once more, and anew. .«  
(Tone Pavček)*

*Dear Slovenia Olympic Team,*

*I am proud of your success and the top results achieved at this year's Olympics. The Slovenian flag was flown under the Olympic rings in Sochi as many as eight times, which is undoubtedly a huge accomplishment for you as well as for Slovenia that is so well represented in the world by athletes. I deeply appreciate your work and the example that your fighting spirit and persistence set to our young athletes. I sincerely thank you for this.*

*The whole Slovenia kept fingers crossed for you and the excitement caused by your results was indescribable, but most of all resounding across the nation. I am particularly happy to have witnessed a new milestone in Slovenian sport set by the first and the second gold medals at the winter Olympics. Such moments unite us, inspire us and prove that Slovenians are able to achieve the highest goals.*

*Thank you, and sincere congratulations to the whole team.*

*Alenka Bratušek  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia*