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A good child will do quite well,
Will learn to read, to write and spell,
Go soon to bed—be soon to rise,
'Twill tend to make him good and wise.

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THE ALPHABET.

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Stop! stop! pretty Water.

‘Stop, stop, pretty water,’
Said Harry one day
To a frolicsome brook,
That was running away

‘You run on so fast—
I wish you would stay;
My boat and my flowers
You will carry away.

‘But I will run after,
Mother says that I may;
For I want to know where
You are running away.’

So Harry ran on;
But I have heard say
That he never could find
Where the brook ran away.
The pleasant Spring has come again,
The pretty birds are here;
The grass grows in the gentle rain,
And buds and flowers appear.

I love to see the sky so clear,
And all things look so gay;
The fairest month in all the year
Is sweet and sunny May.
O look at my kite!
Almost out of sight;
How pretty it flies,
Right up to the skies!

Pretty kite! pretty kite!
Almost out of sight,
Pray what do you spy
In the bright blue sky?
'Where is my little Kitty gone?
Said Charley boy one day;
'I guess some little boy or girl
Has taken her away.

'O mother, mother! come and look!
See what a little heap!
My Kitty's in the drawer here,
All cuddled down to sleep.'
How very busy are the bees
In filling up their store!
From them, dear mother, I may learn
To love my work still more.
And always, when I see the bees,
I may some good obtain;
Remembering that idleness
Will give dear mother pain.
In books or work, or healthful play,
Let my first years be past,
That I may give for every day,
Some good account at last.
I love to see a noble dog,
And pat him on the head;
So prettily he wags his tail,
Whenever he is fed.

Then I will never beat my dog,
Nor ever give him pain;
But good and kind I’ll be to him,
And he’ll love me again.
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