

The Inky
Dinky
Spider

Humpty
Dumpty

There Was an
Old Woman
Who Lived in a
Shoe

**Mother
Goose
Rhymes
for
Biblical
Times**

Simple
Simon

Mary, Mary
Quite Contrary



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FOREWORD

I accepted Christ on January 19, 1989. I had little or no knowledge of what this actually meant; but I began to read the Bible daily, starting with the Book of John, asking God for understanding.

I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit on May 12, 1989. It was then I began rereading John with my daughters, Jaime and Jennie. Much to my delight I received understanding and, in time, so did they.

That fall I helped a member of my church start a clown ministry. On Thanksgiving Day I asked the Lord for poetry verses of a Biblical nature to improve Mother Goose nursery rhymes.

I went to the library and took out two Mother Goose books which included over 450 rhymes. I solved the problems in eighty-four poems by way of short stories which had morals taken from scriptures in the New King James Bible. I mistakenly assumed these poems were for the use of the clown ministry but it was short-lived.

I then made these eighty-four poems into twelve little books and was compelled to have them copyrighted on Christmas Day for Jesus.

Mother Goose verses were not originally intended for children, but were a form of political satire. This explains their cruelty and insensitivity. When I read about a man jumping into a bramble bush and, "...scratched out both his eyes," I could not bring myself to work with it. The illustration merely showed a man jumping into the bush, leaving the rest to your imagination, and I wondered how long it would be till someone drew the actual outcome of the scene.

Readers who share my feelings about Mother Goose rhymes as originally written will welcome finding that some of its most famous characters have had their daily problems solved with the Lord's guidance. It is my hope that the young-at-heart in reading these verses will also be drawn to seek the Lord for their salvation.

Although not a Mother Goose rhyme, the first four lines of "Each Time I Awake" came to me as I was waking up one day. I went back to sleep saying, "That's nice," twice before I told the Lord, "Okay, okay, I'll write it down." This introductory poem is a testimony to Him from Whom this gift of words came.

The beginning of "I Live My Life for Thee" was written to my mom, Marianne Keil-Farinella, by my dad, Joseph C. Farinella, in the early years of their marriage. It is included in memory of my mom who accepted Christ only days before her death.

The first verses of "Forgive the World" were also written by Dad and completed by the author. This poem is included in honor of my earthly father and in memory of my grandmother, "Lucia" Farinella, and my father-in-law, "Mister" James R. Fritsch Sr.

The entire book follows one central thought which is expressed by "The Son of Man" poem. Jesus Christ died to open the way for all mankind into heaven. His Holy Spirit, if yielded to, will help us to achieve those things we were created to perform.

My children and I are looking forward to the reading of the Book of Life and the beginning of the New Jerusalem. Until then I must do the things the Lord has laid before me in an effort to spread His Word and shine His Light of Truth.

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“All men should read the Word of the Lord
and follow the path of righteousness.”



Little Boy Blue,
Come blow your horn!
The sheep's in the meadow,
The cow's in the corn.

Where's the little boy
Who looks after the sheep?
He's under the haystack,
Fast asleep.

Little Blue's mom
Took up his horn,
To gather the sheep
And save the corn.

*The boy did confess
To his poor deed,
Then away he went
With all great speed.

*1 John 1:9

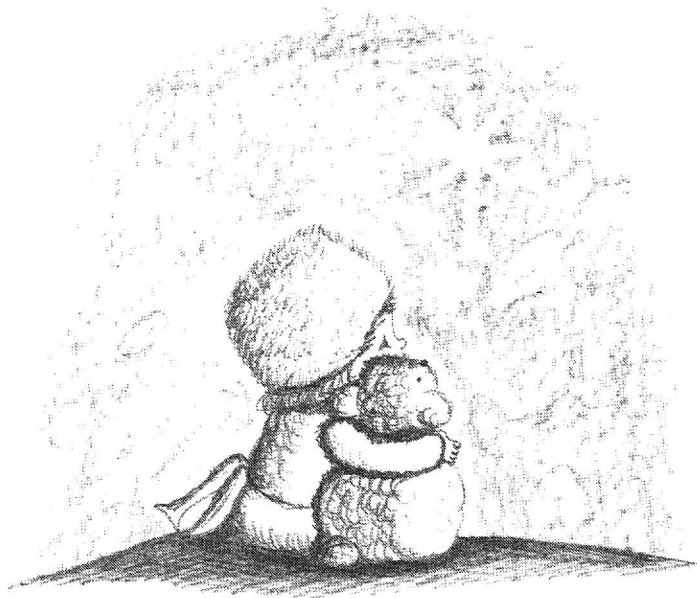
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Twinkle, twinkle,
Little star,
How I wonder
What you are!

Up above the world
So high,
Like a diamond
In the sky.

When I see you
Shine at seven,
I think of my Lord
Up in heaven.

I thank God for
The little star,
*He made for me
To see afar.



*Matthew 2:2

"saying... 'For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.' "

There was an old woman,
Who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children,
She didn't know what to do.

She gave them some broth,
Without any bread,
And spanked them all soundly,
And sent them to bed.

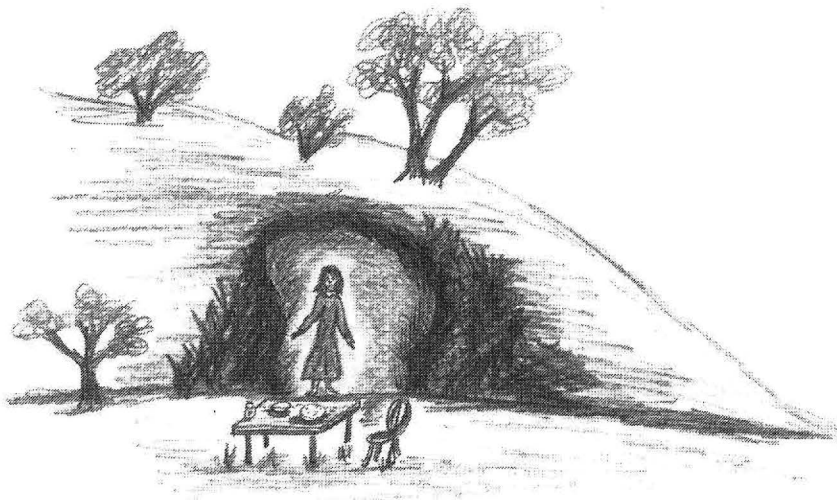
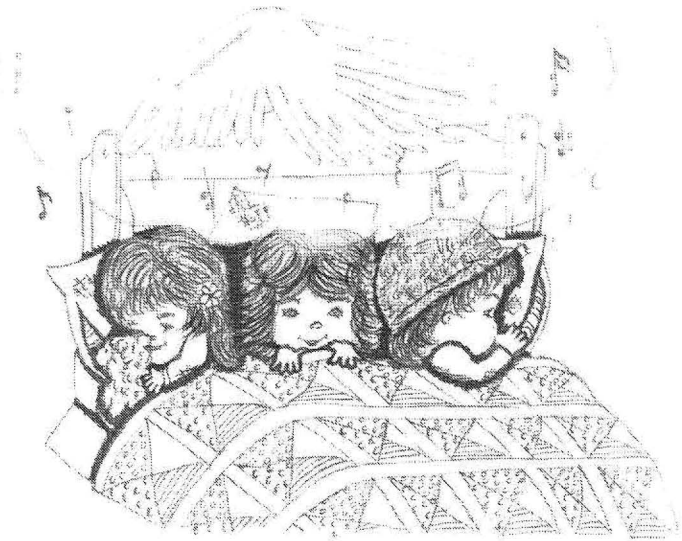
She got out her Bible,
To read them a verse,
Then asked their forgiveness
For her earlier curse.

They all said they loved her,
And gave her a big hug,
Then snuggled into bed
As snug as a bug.

They knew the Lord had them,
*Tucked under His wing;
So they cheerfully smiled,
And songs they did sing.

*Psalms 91:4

"He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge..."



There was an old woman,
Lived under a hill;
And if she's not gone,
She lives there still.

Baked apples she sold,
And cranberry pies;
and she's the old woman,
Who never told lies.

*"Humble yourselves
In the sight of the Lord,
And He will lift you up,"
So you won't be bored.

She read her Bible
Every night and day;
And the Lord provided
For her in every way.

*James 4:10

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Simple Simon
Met a pieman
Going to
The fair;

Then the pieman
Felt bad for Simon
And gave him
Something to eat.

Says Simple Simon
To the pieman,
"Let me taste
Your wares."

He took him home
Till he was grown
To keep him
Off the street.

Says the pieman
To Simple Simon,
"Show me first
Your penny."

The pieman died,
And Simon cried,
Though sure he was
To heaven sent.

Says Simple Simon
To the pieman,
"Indeed,
I have not any."

Because he knew
The pieman true
*Accepted the Lord
Before he went.

*Romans 10:9



"...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."



Jack Sprat
Could eat no fat,
His wife could
Eat no lean;

And so, betwixt
Them both, you see,
They licked the
Platter clean.

Jack found a
Little girl
Wandering on
The street.

He and his wife
Took in the child
*To give her
Something to eat.

*Matthew 25:35

"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food..."

Mary, Mary,
Quite contrary,
How does your
Garden grow?

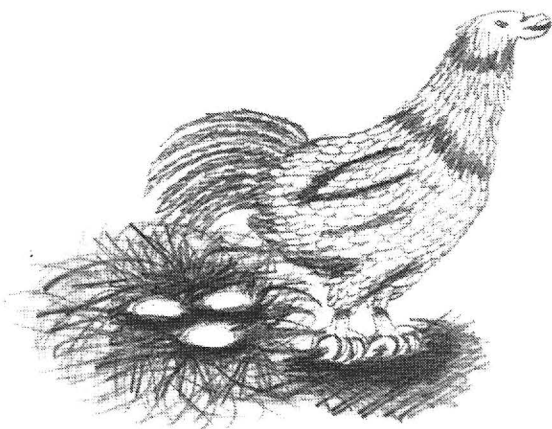
With water, soil,
Air, and toil
I wait for my
Garden to show.

God's Spirit comes down
To fill the ground,
*And His blessings
Make it grow.

*Deuteronomy 28:4



“Blessed shall be the...produce of your ground...”



Henny Penny,
My black hen,
Laid her eggs
For gentlemen.

Sometimes nine,
Sometimes ten,
Henny Penny
My black hen.

Henny Penny
Laid her eggs
*To set before
A newborn King.

My hen's eggs were
So well received,
That my heart
Began to sing!

*Acts 3:6

“Then Peter said, ‘Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you...’ ”

Peter, Peter,
Pumpkin eater,
Had a wife and
Couldn't keep her;

He put her in
A pumpkin shell,
And there he kept
Her very well.

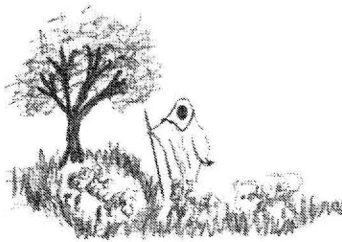
Peter, Peter,
*Prayed to the Lord,
To help his wife
Find a new gourd;

A boat appeared,
That looked real swell,
So Peter and his
Wife set sail.



*Matthew 6:6

"...pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."



Little Bo-Peep
Has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where
To find them;

Leave them alone,
And they'll come home,
And bring their tails
Behind them.

Little Bo-Peep
Asked the Shepherd,
To help her in
Her endeavor;

The Shepherd said,
*“If they follow me
Instead, their souls
Will be won forever!”

Psalms 23:1, 3

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...He restores my soul...”



Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over
The moon;

The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away
With the spoon.

Hey, diddle, diddle,
The cat played his fiddle,
And the cow came down
Real light;

The little dog gathered
Together with them,
*To worship the Babe
Born that night.

*Psalms 95:6

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”

Jack and Jill
Went up the hill,
To fetch a pail
Of water.

Jack fell down
And broke his crown,
And Jill came
Tumbling after.

Then up Jack got,
And home did trot,
As fast as he
Could caper;

To old Inga
Who patched his nod,
With vinegar and
Brown paper.

Then Jill came in,
And she did grin,
To see Jack's
Paper plaster.

Her mother whipped her
Across the knee,
For laughing at
Jack's disaster.

*She asked forgiveness
For her sin,
From Jack and
From her mother.

They both forgave her
In God's grace,
That she would laugh
At no other.

*Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”

Jack, be nimble,
Jack, be quick;
Jack, jump over
The candlestick.

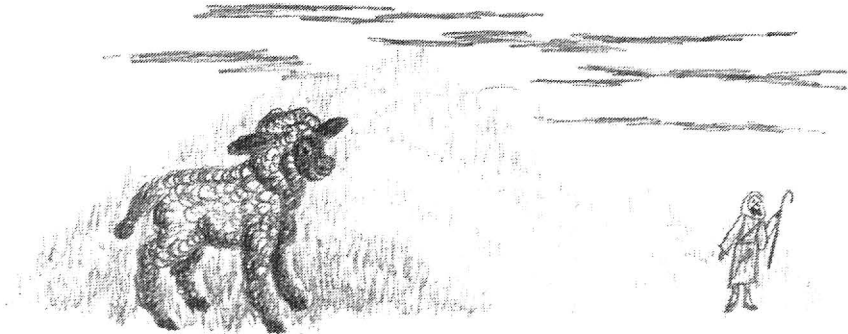
Jack, deciding
To seek the Lord,
Bought a Bible
He could afford.

He read his Bible
Everyday - then
*Waited to hear
What God did say.

*Psalms 40:1



"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me..."



Baa, Baa, Black Sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, sir, yes, sir,
Three bags full;

One for the master,
And one for the dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep,
You must not feel slight.
*Jesus loves all his sheep
Black and white;

Whether they be striped,
Clear or spotted;
All were welcomed when
Home they trotted.

*John 10:9, 14, 16

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own...And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds
And whey;

Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened
Miss Muffet away.

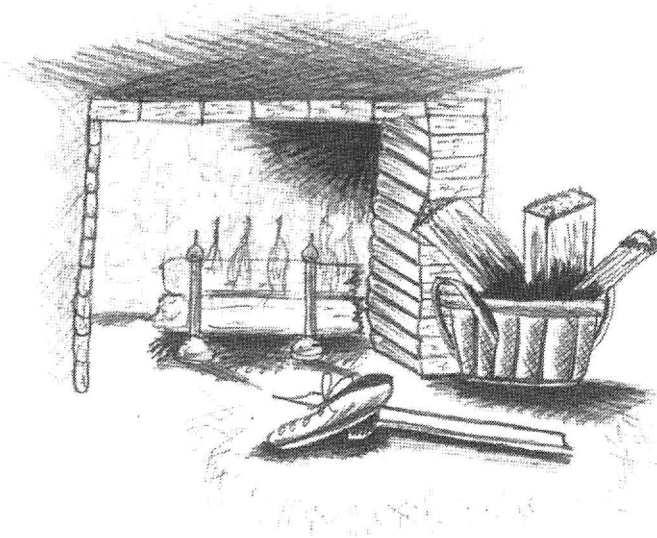
Little Miss Muffet
Thought on her tuffet,
Of the spider
And the day;

Till she was sure
*All of God's creatures,
Belong in the world
To stay.



*1 Timothy 4:4

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;"



Cock-a-doodle-do!
My Dame has lost her shoe,
My master's lost his fiddlestick
And knows not what to do.

*"Everyone who asks receives,"
Is what the Bible says.
So, they left it up to the Lord
When they went to bed.

When they awoke,
What did they find?
The shoe and fiddlestick
Were left behind.

They then sang praises
To the Lord;
For another set
They could not afford.

*Matthew 7:7

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Rock-a-bye, baby,
On the tree top;
When the wind blows,
The cradle will rock;

When the bough breaks,
The cradle will fall;
And down will come baby,
Cradle and all.

Fear not! God's angels
Have baby in hand;
The fall does no harm,
And baby feels grand.

*"You shall not be afraid
Of the terror by night,"
The Good Book says.
So baby's all right.

*Psalms 91:5



"You shall not be afraid of the terror by night..."



This little man
Lived all alone;
And he was a
Man of sorrow.

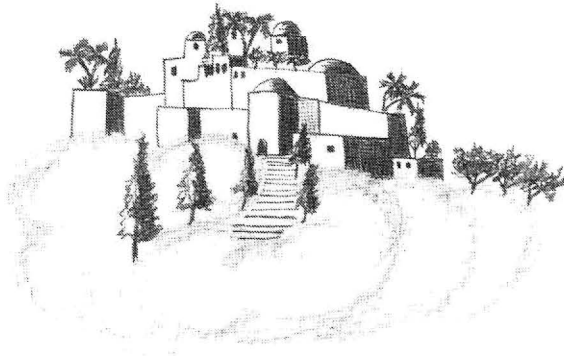
For, if the weather,
Was fair today;
He was sure it would
Rain tomorrow.

*"You shall not
Be afraid...
Of the arrow
That flies by day."

So look
To the Lord;
And you will have
A bright, bright way.

*Psalms 91:5

"...Nor of the arrow that flies by day,"



Gregory Griggs,
Gregory Griggs,
Had twenty-seven
Different wigs.

He wore them up,
He wore them down,
To please the people
Of the town;

He wore them east,
He wore them west,
But he never could tell
Which he loved the best.

Gregory's soul
Was then taken;
His treasures were lost,
As he was mistaken.

*He who lays up
Treasures on earth;
Loses his life
And his rebirth.

Those rich towards God
Live life everlasting;
In the new Jerusalem,
Their hearts do sing.

So, if you confess
Your sins and behave,
God will forgive,
And you will be saved.

*Luke 12:19-21

"And I will say to my soul: 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Hearts, like doors,
Will open with ease,
To very, very,
Little keys;

And don't forget
That two of these,
Are "I thank you,"
And "If you please."

Thank the Lord,
For all He has done;
*Our very lives
His blood has won.

This may not mean
A lot to some,
But very grateful
Am I for one!

*Matthew 26:28



"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Little Jack Horner
Sat in the corner,
Eating his Christmas pie;

He put in his thumb,
And pulled out a plumb,
And said "What a good boy
am I!"

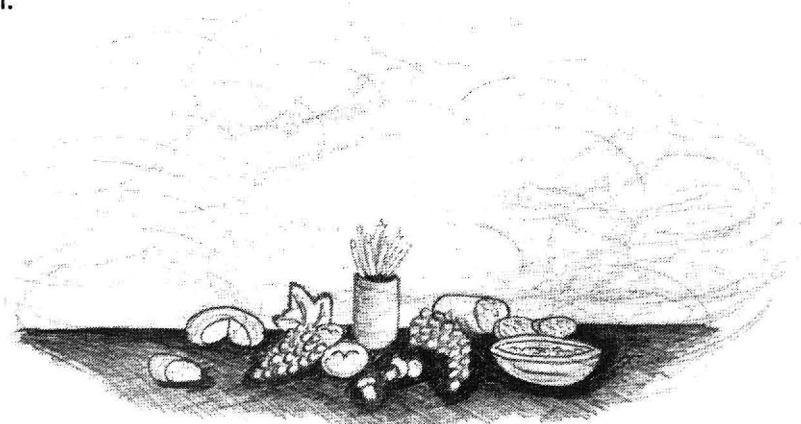
Then Jack Horner
Prayed in the corner,
After eating his pie;

His Father did say
To Jack on this day,
*“A good boy you’ll be
if you try.”

*Matthew 5:16



“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”



Old Mother Hubbard
Went to her cupboard,
To get her poor dog
A bone;

But when she got there,
The cupboard was bare,
And so her poor dog
Had none.

Old Mother Hubbard
Prayed for her cupboard,
To ask God to
Feed her dog;

Her prayer was right,
And into her sight,
Came a meal that
*Appeared in a fog.

*Exodus 16:14-15

“And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, ‘This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.’”



Once I saw a little bird
Come hop, hop, hop;
So I cried, "Little bird,
Will you stop, stop, stop?"

And was going to the window
To say, "How do you do?"
But he shook his little tail,
And far away he flew.

*"Be fruitful and multiply"
God did say
To the birds of the sky
On the fifth day.

God blessed the birds
On that special day;
So I could see the
Little bird sway, sway, sway.

*Genesis 1:22, 23

"...and let birds multiply on the earth. So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

Molly, my sister
And I fell out,
And what do you think
It was all about?

She loved coffee
And I loved tea,
And that was the reason
We couldn't agree.

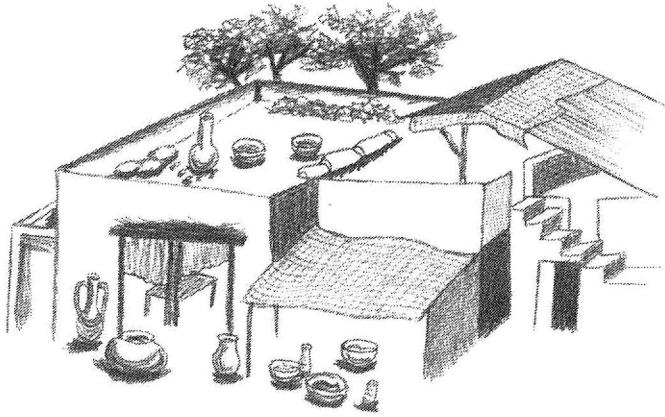
Now we thought about
*Our silly dispute,
And we soon realized
It wasn't real cute.

So we did decide
To go to the Lord,
And release the anger
Which we could not afford.

*2 Timothy 2:23



"But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife."



Little Tommy Tittlemouse
Lived in a little house;
He caught fishes
In other men's ditches.

He gave one to Jesus
Out of Nazareth town,
And welcomed Him in
With nary a sound.

Then the Lord Jesus
Made known to him;
*He may be forgiven
From all of his sins.

Tommy did ask Him
To be cleansed of them soon;
There at his little house,
In the month of June.

*Acts 26:18

“to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

I had a little pony,
His name was Dapple-Gray.
I lent him to a lady,
To ride a mile away.

She whipped him,
She slashed him,
She rode him
Through the mire;

I would not lend
My pony now
For all the
Lady's hire.

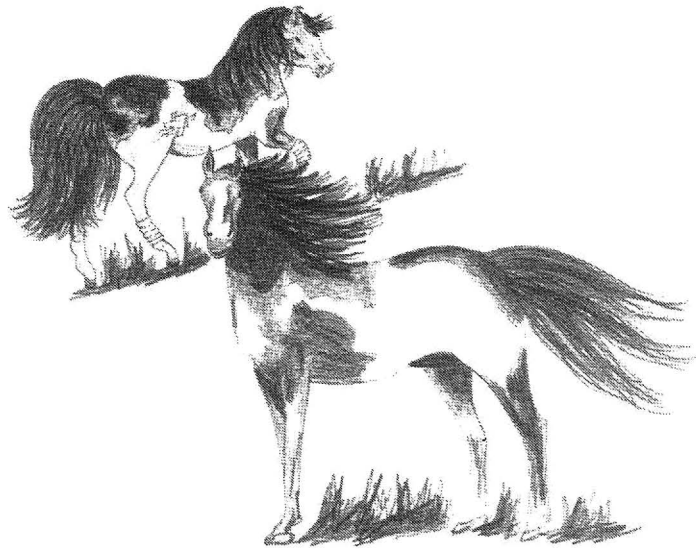
She asked me for
Forgiveness,
And dressed my
Pony's wounds;

Then came to me
Another horse,
Delivered from her
Real soon.

*She made atonement
For her deed,
As quick as she could
To me;

For the Lord was
With her then
As His guidance was,
You see.

*Leviticus 6:4



“...that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has deceitfully obtained, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found,”

Bye, baby bunting,
Father's gone a-hunting,
Mother's gone a-milking,
Sister's gone a-silking,

And brother's gone to buy a skin
To wrap the baby bunting in.

O! My baby bunting,
While father's out hunting,
Mother's out milking,
Sister's out silking,

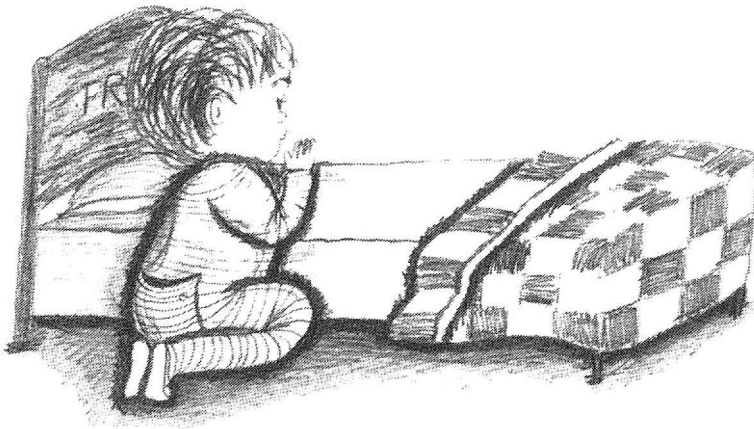
And brother's buying,
You need not be crying.

Baby bunting, have no fear,
Young as you are, you see;
In Jesus precious name
*You have authority!

*Luke 10:19



“Behold, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”



When little Fred
Went to bed
He always said
His prayers.

He kissed mamma,
And then papa,
And straightway
Went upstairs.

He asked the Lord
To watch over him,
And then follow him
Through his day.

Once he realized
God was his savior,
*He strived to be good
In every way.

*Luke 13:24

“Strive to enter in at the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in and will not able.”



Needles and pins,
Needles and pins,
When a man marries
His trouble begins.

*"Husbands, dwell with them...
Giving honor to the wife,
As to the weaker vessel,
Heirs of the grace of life."

Likewise you wives,
Be submissive to your own;
That they may be won,
And husbands will not roam.

Let your prayers not
be hindered,
Have no fear of
these many days,
For God will be with you
In all of your ways.

*1 Peter 3:7

"Likewise you husbands, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers not be hindered."

Wee Willie Winkie
Runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs,
In his nightgown;

Rapping at the window,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children in their beds?
Now it's eight o'clock."

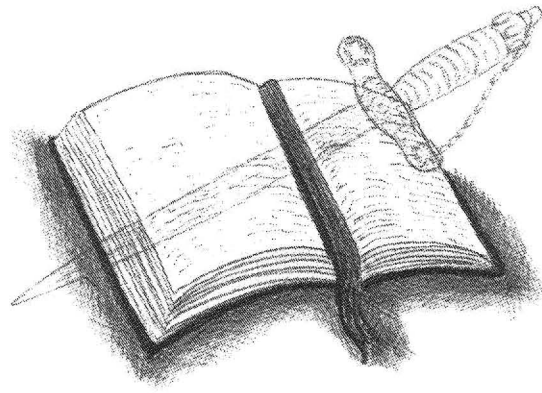
It's time to read the Bible,
When tucked into your beds,
To thank the Lord for your day,
And rest your little heads.

*Trust the Lord your soul to keep,
As you rest in God's light.
When you awaken from your sleep,
God will have you in His sight.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23



"...and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."



See a pin
And pick it up,
All the day
You'll have good luck.

Never mind luck,
Look to the sky;
Think of your Father
In heaven so high.

See a pin
And let it lay,
Bad luck you'll have
All the day.

*"My grace is sufficient..."
Sayeth the Lord;
Learn ye the truth,
By His Word, the sword.

*2 Corinthians 12:9

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Hey, diddle, dinkety
Poppety pet,
The merchants of London
They wear scarlet,

Silk in the collar
And gold in the hem,
So merrily march
The merchant men.

*"But seek first the
Kingdom of God;"
Don't lust after riches
Like gold for your nod.

And then all these things
Will be added to you,
If your righteousness
Is found to be true.

*Matthew 6:33



"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Handy Pandy,
Jack-a-dandy,
Loves plum cake
And sugar candy.

He bought some at
A grocer's shop,
And out he came
Hop, hop, hop!

Handy Pandy
Brought to school
His cake and candy
All in a bowl.

*He gave it to
His entire class
To share with others
Till the last.



*1 Timothy 6:18

"...that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share..."



Nancy Dawson
Was so fine
She wouldn't get up
To serve the swine;

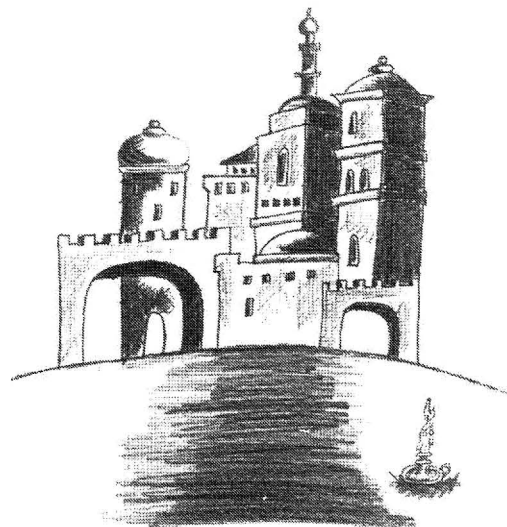
She lies in bed
Till eight or nine,
Nancy Dawson
Oh, so fine.

*"God resists the proud,
but gives grace to the humble."
So do your chores,
And do not stumble.

He who exalts himself
Will be abased, and
In front of God,
He will lose face.

*1 Peter 5:5

"Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders...for 'God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.' "



How many miles
Is it to Babylon?
Threescore miles
And ten.

Can I get there
By candle-light?
Yes,
And back again.

If your heels are
Nimble and light,
You may get there
By candle-light.

When you get
To Babylon,
See that your
Path stays right.

The people were
Enslaved by magic,
A note in the Bible
Does say.

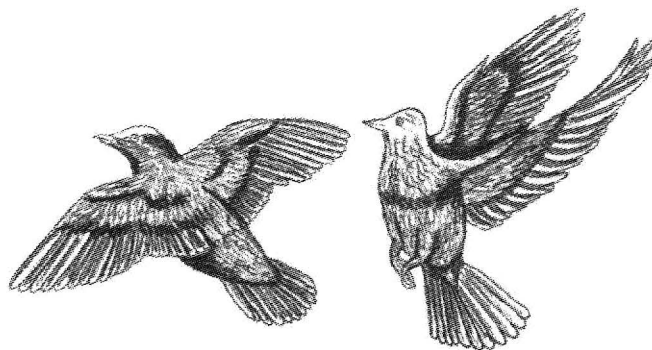
The whole earth
Had one language,
And one speech
That day;

Till they built
A great tower,
And the Lord, a lesson
Did teach!

*He gave them all
A different language;
Each person,
A different speech.

*Genesis 11:7

“Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”



I had two pigeons
Bright and gay,
They flew from me
The other day.

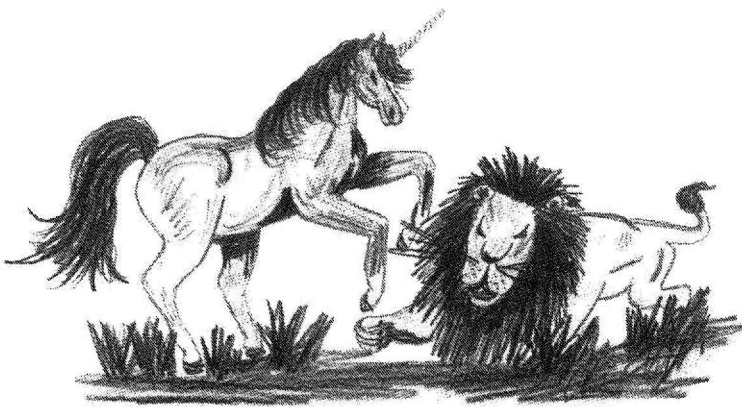
What was the reason
They did go?
I can not tell,
For I do not know.

*In Biblical times,
God could beckon them
To be an atonement,
For a person’s sin.

Then they would have been
An offering,
And the sin would have been
Forgiven by Him.

*Leviticus 5:7

“...or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering.”



The Lion and
The Unicorn,
Were fighting
For the crown;

The Lion beat
The Unicorn,
All around
The town.

*The Lion is Jesus
Fighting for man,
Using the warriors
At His command.

The Unicorn represents
A spiritual lie,
That tricks all of mankind
To assure that they die.

*Isaiah 31:4

“As a lion roars, and a young lion over his prey...So the Lord of hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.”

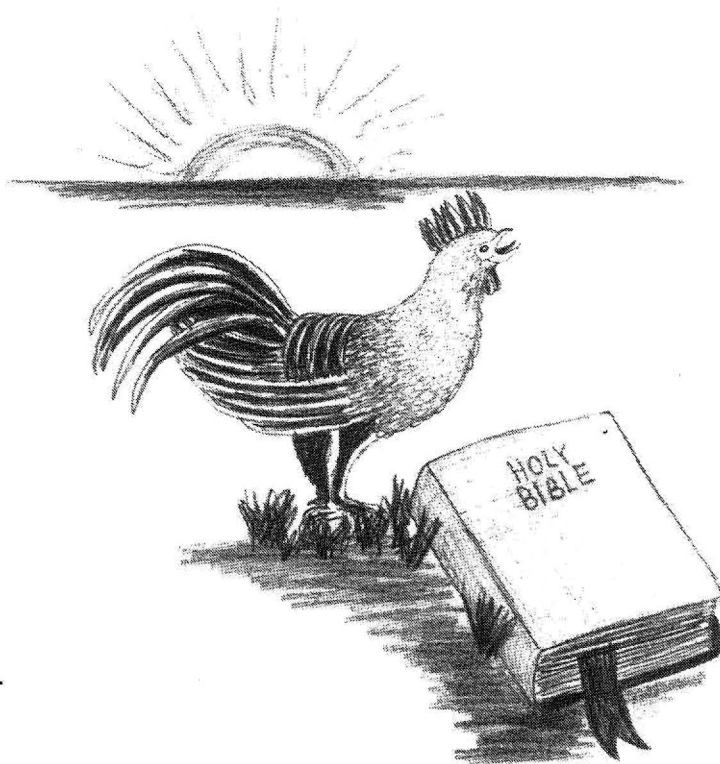
Cocks crow in the morn
To tell us to rise,
And he who lies late
Will never be wise;

For early to bed
And early to rise,
Is the way to be healthy
And wealthy and wise.

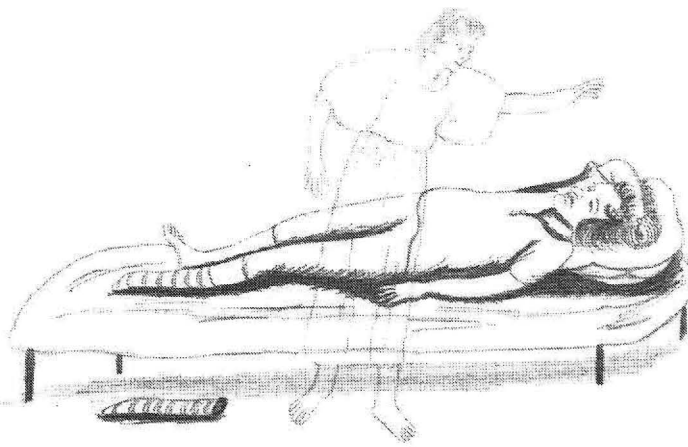
But this does no good
For you and your soul,
Without the Bible,
Your life isn't whole.

You need to seek God
*By the Lord Jesus' Word;
To pattern your life
And live by what you heard.

*John 8:51



“Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”



Diddle diddle dumpling
My son John,
Went to bed with
His breeches on;

One stocking off
And one stocking on,
Diddle diddle dumpling
My son John.

But seek first the
Kingdom of God,
*He heard from an angel
Inside his nod.

He knew right off
What it did mean;
God's guiding his life
By way of a dream.

*Matthew 2:13

"Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying..."

Hark, hark!
The dogs do bark!
Beggars are
Coming to town;

Some in jags,
And some in rags,
And some in
Velvet gown.

*"He raises the poor
From the dust-
Lifts the beggar
From the ash heap,

To set them
Among princes,
And inherit
The throne to keep."

So follow the Lord
In His ways,
The poor you should
Not flee from;

Give them your all
As best you can,
To conquer fear
And gain freedom.



*1 Samuel 2:8

"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory."

For every evil
Under the sun,
There is a remedy,
Or there is none.

Seek and you will find
It if you look,
In what's commonly known
As the Good Book.

If you read the
Bible every day,
And accept the Lord
In your heart to stay;

*God will send down
His Holy Ghost,
And evil will fear
Jesus the most.

*Psalms 23:4



“...I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me...”

Mary had a pretty bird,
Feathers bright and yellow,
Slender legs-upon my word
He was a pretty fellow!

The sweetest note
He always sung,
Which much delighted Mary.

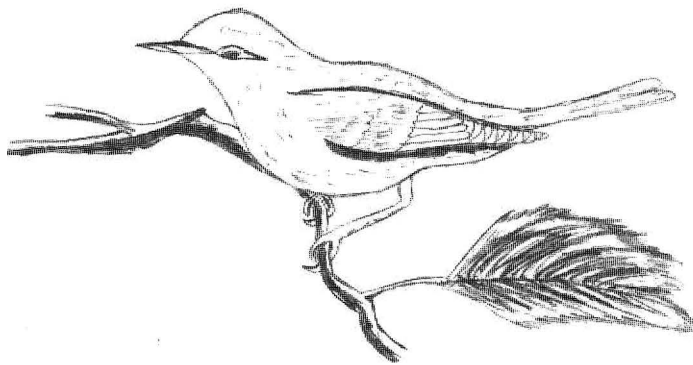
She often, where the
Cage was hung,
Sat hearing her canary.

**“Look at the birds
Of the air,
For they neither
Sow nor reap...”

Yet your Father,
Up in heaven,
Them, He will keep.”

*Matthew 6:26

“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them...”



Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man,
Bake me a cake as
Fast as you can.

Pat it and prick it
And mark it with a T,
And put it in the oven
For Tommy and me.

Out on a corner,
Right by our bus,
We invited a boy
To come eat with us.

*He looked cold and hungry
So we gave him our hat.
We know our dear Jesus
Would approve of that.

*Matthew 25:36



"I was naked and you clothed Me..."



The King of France,
Went up the hill,
With twenty
Thousand men;

The King of France,
Come down the hill,
And ne'er
Went up again.

*The Lord says, "A
Hundred of you
Shall put ten
Thousand to flight."

Against two hundred
Children of God,
The King knew
He could not fight.

*Leviticus 26:8

"...and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight;"



As I was going,
To sell my eggs;
I met a man,
With bandy legs.

Bandy legs and,
Crooked toes;
I tripped up his heels,
And he fell on his nose.

***"Let your gentleness
Be known to all men."
The Bible says,
And I thought of it then.

I helped him up,
To clean up the mess;
Them asked forgiveness,
For my clumsiness.

*Philippians 4:5

"Let your gentleness be known to all men..."



One misty moisty morning,
When cloudy was the weather,
I chanced to meet an old man,
Clothed all in leather.

He had along with him
A rod, staff and sling,
And when I approached,
He began to sing.

*Praises to his Lord he sang,
Singing from his heart;
He lifted me up that day,
So I did not want to part.

I asked the Lord Jesus
To come into my heart;
And from that very day
My life had its start.

*2 Samuel 22:50

"Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name."

Tom, Tom,
The piper's son,
Stole a pig,
And away he run,

The pig was eat,
And Tom was beat,
And Tom ran crying
Down the street.

There was a man
Tom did meet,
Walking along
Down the street.

He asked Tom
What could it be,
That had him in
Such misery.

He stole a pig
Tom did confess,
Which got him in
This awful mess.

*The man told Tom
To rebuke the spirit,
That made him steal as
He need not fear it.

*Mark 9:25



"When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit..."

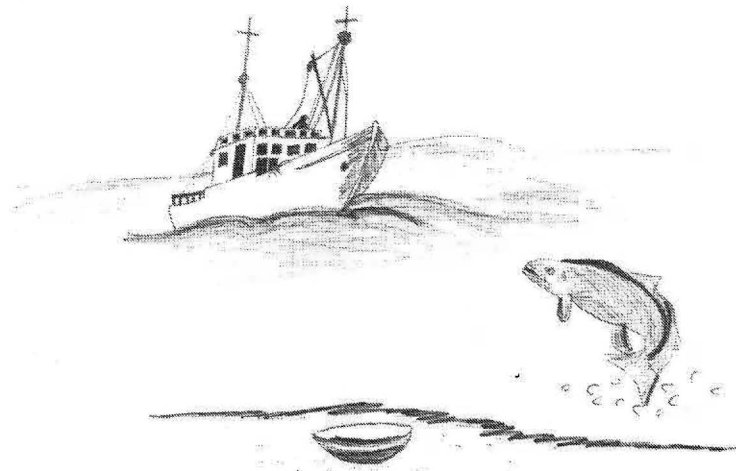
Dance to your daddie,
My bonnie laddie,
Dance to your daddie,
My bonnie lamb;

You shall get a fishy,
On a little dishy;
You shall get a fishy
As soon as you can.

*Jesus fed five thousand men,
Besides women and children,
With two fish and five loaves;
All we need do is trust Him.

Follow Him with all your heart,
And Jesus will provide - His
Will be done, instead of yours,
And He will stay by your side.

*Matthew 14:19-21



"...And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children."



Christmas is coming,
The geese are getting fat;
Please to put a penny,
In an old man's hat.

If you haven't got a penny,
A ha`penny will do;
If you haven't got a ha`penny,
God bless you.

I had nothing to give,
So it made me feel blue;
But in Jesus name,
The blessing came through.

*The old man had faith,
And he did smile;
So I took him home,
To live for a while.

*James 2:5

"Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith..."

"Little girl, little girl,
Where have you been?"
"Gathering roses,
To give to the Queen."

"Little girl, little girl,
What gave she you?"
"She gave me a diamond,
As big as my shoe."

*"Do not lay up for yourselves
Treasures on earth,..."
The little girl was taught
Ever since birth

"...But lay up for yourselves
Treasures in heaven...";
So she gave the diamond
To the church at seven.

*Matthew 6:19, 20



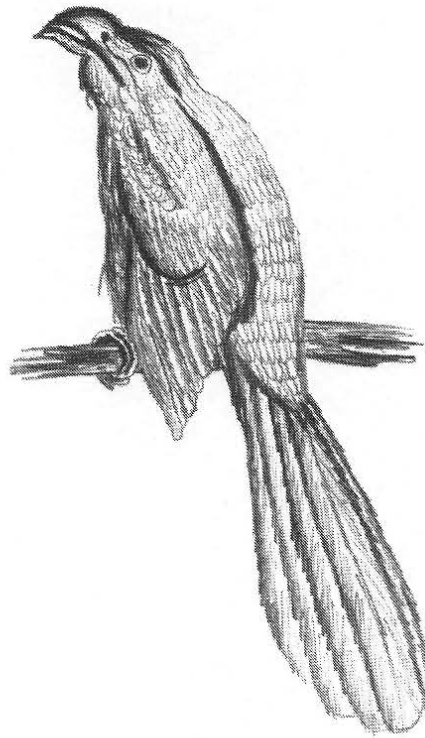
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."

The cuckoo comes in April,
He sings his songs in May;
In the middle of June,
He changes his tune,
And then he flies away.

*On the fifth day in morning,
The birds God did create;
To fill up the earth,
And abound with rebirth,
With lots and lots of grace.

Man need not understand,
These wonders of the sky;
To figure out where they go,
We really don't have to know;
Let's simply let them fly.

*Genesis 1:20



"...and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."



"Willy boy, Willy boy,
Where are you going?
I will go with you,
If that I may."

"I'm going to the meadow,
To see them a-mowing.
I'm going to help them,
To make the hay."

"The harvest truly is
Plentiful," says He.

*"But the gleanings must
Be left you see."

"The poor and the stranger
Will be passing on through,
And God commands you help them,
to live good as you."

*Leviticus 19:9, 10

"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest...you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the Lord your God."

A nick and a nock,
A hen and a cock;
And a penny,
For my master.

*The talents to one,
Earned far more than some
For the master,
During the day.

Others had talent,
Though away it went;
For lack of use,
They had lost it.

So take up your gift,
Be much more than swift;
To spread the word,
For your Master.

*Matthew 25:29



“For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have will be taken away even what he has.”

Birds of a feather
Flock together,
And so will pigs
And swine.

Rats and mice
Will have their choice,
And so will I
Have mine.

God gave man
Free will
To choose his
Own way;

Whether he will
Fall to sin,
Or decide not
To sway.

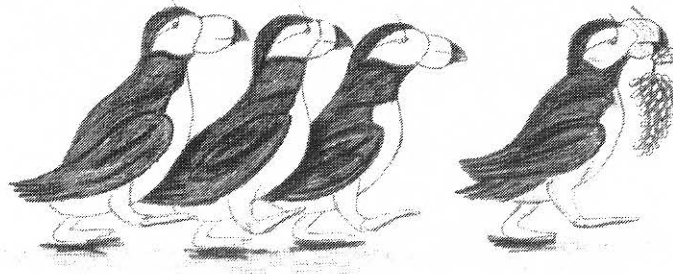
*Adam chose
To eat of
The forbidden tree;

And so Jesus
Had to come,
To save you and me.

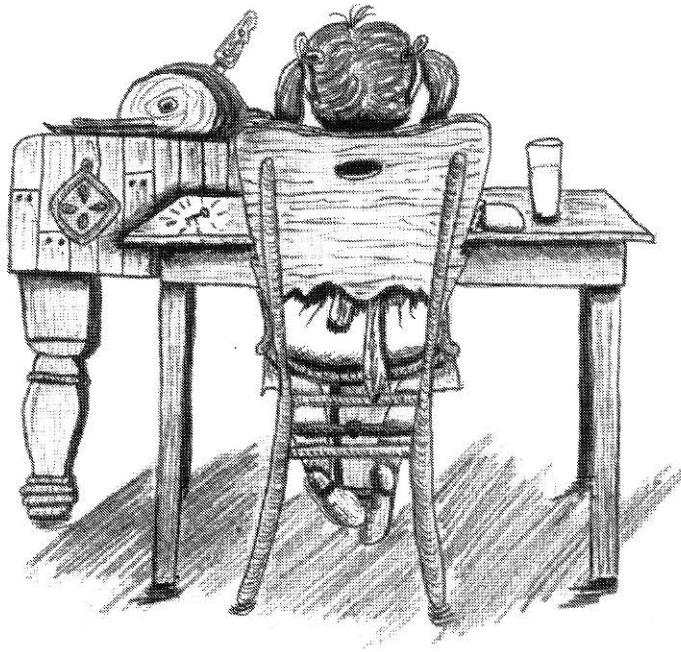
Unlike the cat
And Pepe Le Peu
Though He has the power,
God will not forcè you.

He gives us the chance
To come for His love,
Which springs from heaven
Up above.

*Romans 5:14-15



“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one Man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”



There dwelt an old woman,
At Exeter,
When visitors came
It sore vexed her;

So for fear they should eat,
She locked up all her meat,
This stingy old woman
Of Exeter.

*Jesus guarded her heart,
And gave her peace
To remove distress,
Using her niece.

The niece, so tender and kind,
Eased the old woman's mind;
And reading the Bible,
She got the key.

*Philippians 4:7

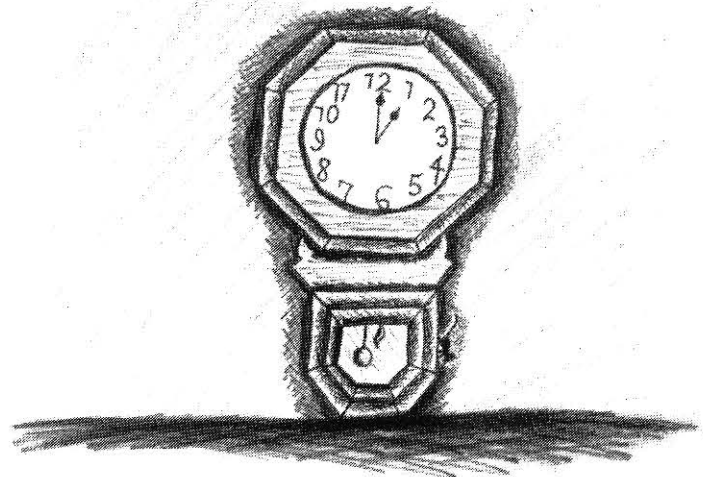
"...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Hickory, dickory, dock!
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
And down he run;
Hickory, dickory, dock!

The mouse knew the time drew near,
When all mankind should fear.
The lord has come;
His will be done;
The day of rapture is near.

*Gathered together to meet
The Lord right by his seat,
The saved shall be,
Through eternity,
With the Lord in heaven, you see.

*1 Thessalonians 4:17



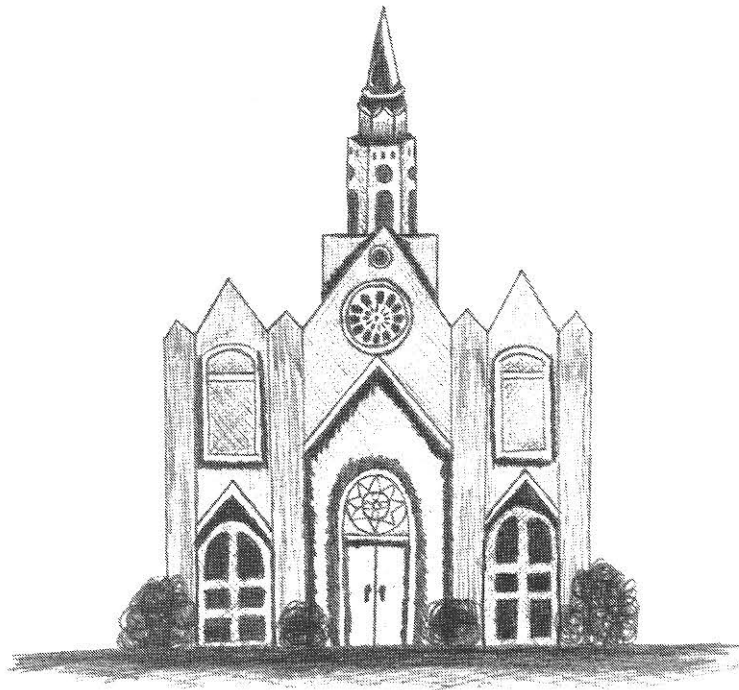
"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."

Cobbler, cobbler,
Mend my shoe;
Get it done,
By half past two.

Stitch it up,
And stitch it down;
Then I'll give you,
Half-a-crown.

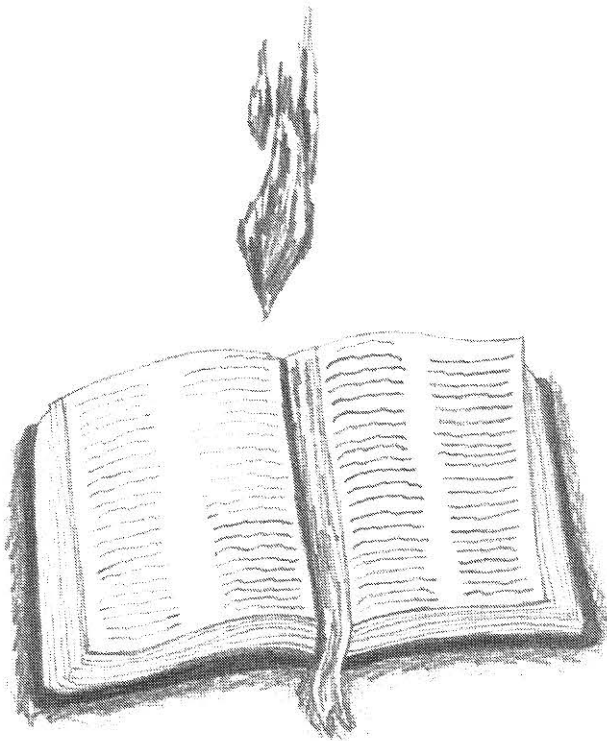
Cobbler, cobbler,
Got it through;
Long before,
Half past two.

Half-a-crown,
The church gave he;
*Then a blessing,
He did receive.



*Malachi 3:10

“ ‘Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now in this,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.’ ”



Bobby Shaftoe's
Gone to sea,
With silver buckles,
On his knee;

He'll come back,
And marry me,
Pretty Bobby
Shaftoe!

While he was gone,
God, I'd heard,
*Would keep me happy,
With His Word.

This I found,
A bit absurd;
Till I had learned
Jesus is not gone!

*Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”



A swarm of bees in May,
Is worth a load of hay;
A swarm of bees in June,
Is worth a silver spoon.

A swarm of bees in July,
Is not worth a fly;
Because when they spray,
The bees all die away.

Now we know that man,
Can do the best he can;
To save the insects lives,
If he really tries.

*For every creeping thing,
Created by the King,
if kept as it should...
Would be very good.

*Genesis 1:25

"...and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Rain, rain, go away,
Come again another day;
Little Johnny wants
to play.

His mother taught Johnny
The world would be grim,
If it did not rain
some days.

*Trees would not grow,
Water would not flow;
We would have nothing
to drink.

The ground would dry out,
And plants would not sprout,
But God made the rain as
a link.

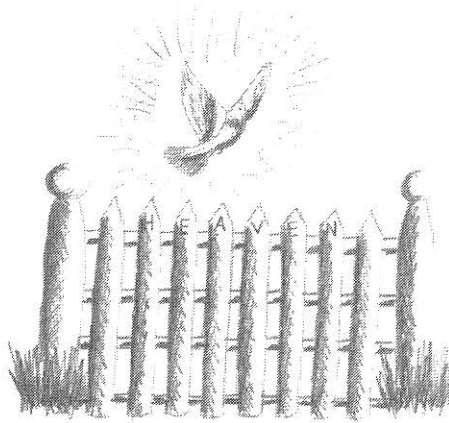
*James 5:17, 18



"...and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit."

There was an old
Woman of Leeds,
Who spent all her time
In good deeds;

She worked for the poor
Till her fingers were sore,
This pious old
Woman of Leeds.



Though religious
She did profess,
Her life was
Simply a mess;

She knew not why,
Till the day she died,
When her sins
She did confess.

The Lord showed
Her the way
*To enter in at
The narrow gate

Because narrow and
Difficult is the way,
So destruction
She could escape.

Lest the good Lord
Would say,
She'd been lawless
All her day.

He never knew her;
Depart from Him.
To Hades
Be on her way.

*Matthew 7:13

“Enter in at the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in through it.”

Higher than a house,
Higher than a tree,
Oh! Whatever
Can that be?

It could be the moon
Out there real far,
But everyone knows
It is a star.

*God created evening
On the fourth day;
The moon and the stars,
To rule night, not day.

So look up and see,
The heavens and the sky;
So you may wonder
How and why?

*Genesis 1:16



“Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.”

Do you love me,
Or do you not?
You told me once,
But I forgot.

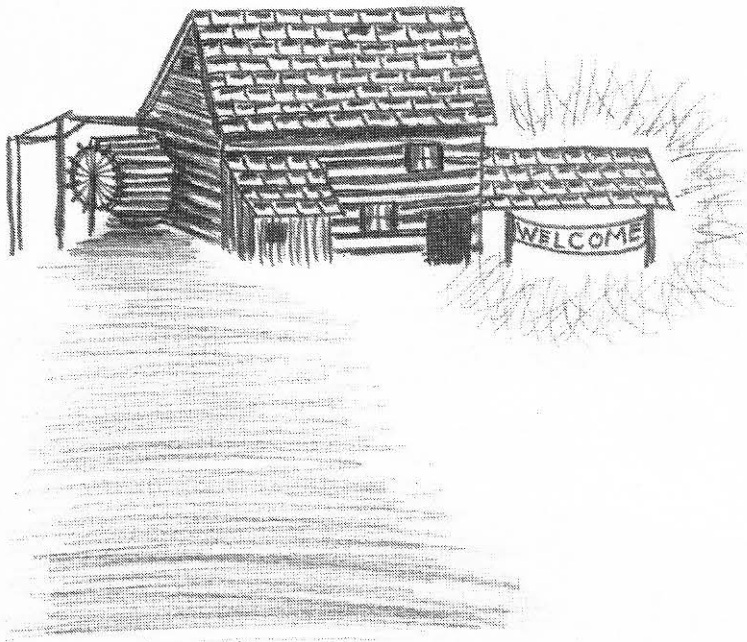
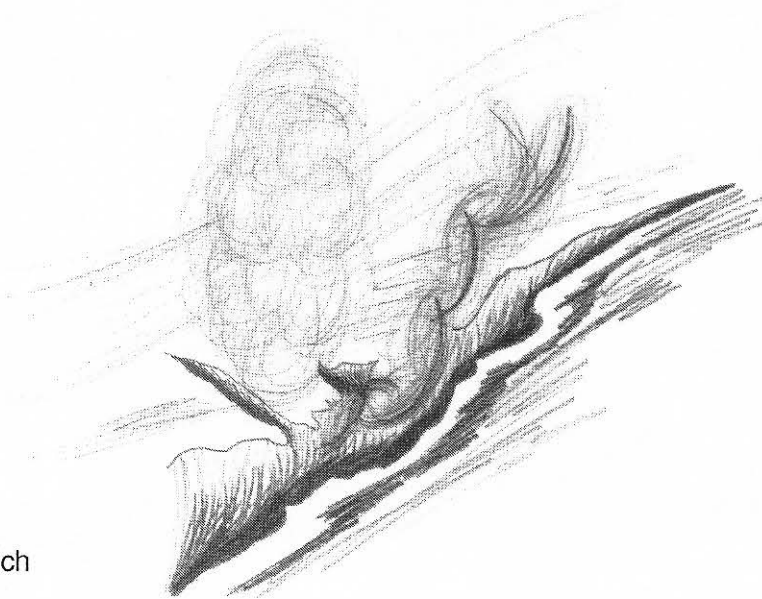
Said the good Lord,
To all of man,
"Remember Him,
If you all can."

Don't let Satan
Make your eyes blind,
Till the darkness
Destroys your mind.

*If blind leads blind,
There comes an end in which
All will soon fall
Into a ditch.

*Matthew 15:14

"Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."



There was a jolly
Miller once,
Lived on the river Dee;

He worked and sang,
From morn till night;
No lark so blithe as he.

And this the burden,
Of his song;
Forever used to be,

"I care for nobody,
—No! Not I,
Since nobody cares for me."

*"...you shall love your neighbor
As yourself..."
Do not bear any grudge;

Vengeance is His,
Sayeth The Lord;
On the last day He will judge.

*Leviticus 19:18

"You shall not take vengeance,...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."



A wise old owl
Sat in an oak,
The more he heard,
The less he spoke;

The less he spoke,
The more he heard,
Why aren't we all
Like that wise old bird?

This wise old owl
Read aloud the Word,
*The more he read,
The more he heard;

Then what he heard
Went into his heart,
So he'd live by faith
Right from the start.

*Romans 10:17

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Hot boiled beans,
And very good butter;
Ladies and gentlemen,
Come to supper.

The dinner was set,
But the guests didn't come;
What was made for many,
Was saved for some.

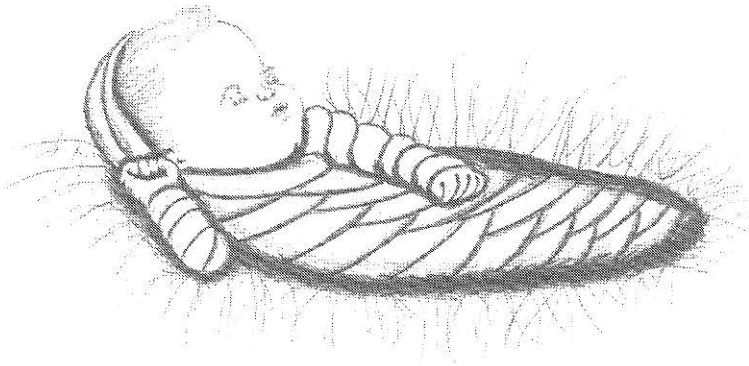
The feast was on hold,
And the food was frozen;
*"For many are called,
But few are chosen."

But those that were
Considered unkept,
Were welcomed to eat,
To the guests' regret.

*Matthew 22:14



"For many are called, but few are chosen."



Christmas comes
But once a year,
And when it comes
It brings good cheer.

Into this world
Came a new life;
Born that day
Into many a strife.

*This precious gift
From God above,
Giving His Son,
To us with love.

We gained so much
Through this child,
When Mary bore Jesus,
So tender and mild.

*John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

My little old man
And I fell out;
I'll tell you what
`Twas all about,

I had money
And he had none,
And that's the way
The noise begun.

Because of the money
Of his wife,
My little old man
Had some strife;

So I decided
I would be through,
*As God knows your money
Perish with you.

So I thought about it
All that day,
And decided to
Give it all away.

I gave to my
Favorite charity,
So then we could live
Our lives merrily.

*Acts 8:20



“But Peter said to him, ‘Your money perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money!’ ”



Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee
Resolved to have a battle;
For Tweedle-dum said Tweedle-dee
Had spoiled his nice new rattle.

Tweedle-dum asked Dee's pardon
*And Tweedle-dee soon gave it;
As God gives an abundant life
They decided they would live it.

They thanked the Lord for
their new eyes,
That came with an inner sight;
To stay away from all the falls,
That lead toward wrong, not right.

*Luke 6:37

"...Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

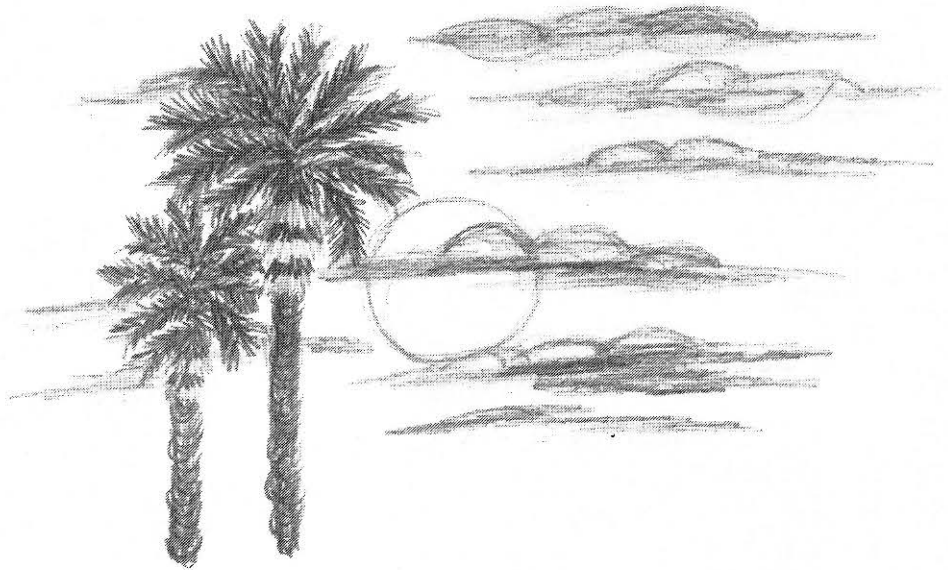
Red sky at night,
Shepherd's delight;
Red sky in the morning,
Shepherd's warning.

*When it is evening,
You do not dread;
It will be fair weather,
When the sky is red.

And in the morning,
Foul weather you say;
The sun is threatening
And red today.

But do not ask
The Lord for a sign;
No sign will be given
Before the end time.

*Matthew 16:2, 3



"...When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."

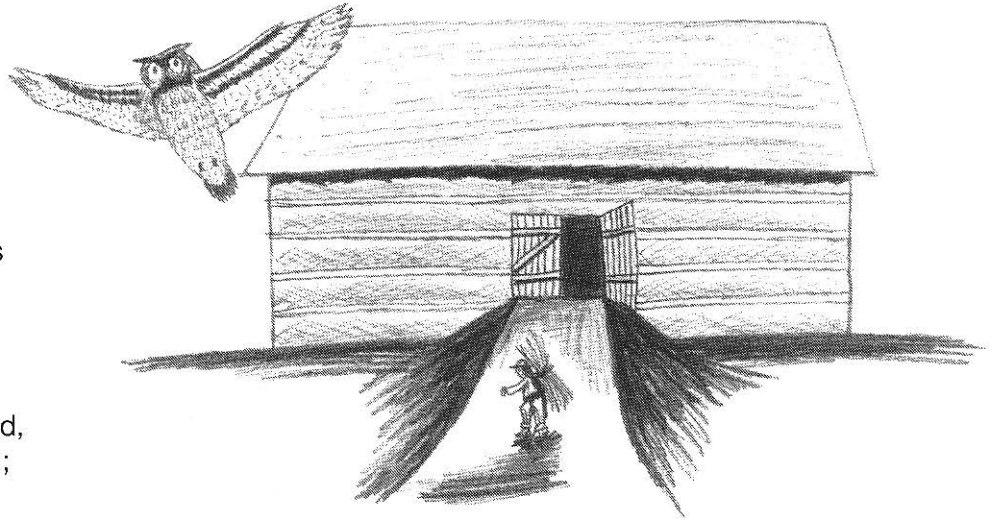
There was a little boy,
Went into a barn,
And lay down
On some hay;

An owl came out,
And flew about,
And the little
Boy ran away.

*God has not given us
A spirit of fear;
But of power
And of love.

So keep a sound mind,
Leave fear far behind;
Give thanks to
Your Father above.

*2 Timothy 1:7



“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Pease porridge hot,
Pease porridge cold,
Pease porridge in the pot,
Nine days old.

Some like it hot,
Some like it cold,
Some like it in the pot,
Nine days old;

Whether it's hot,
Or whether it's cold,
Or whether it's in the pot,
Nine days old;

*Ask God to bless it
Before you eat,
And the taste will always
Be nice and sweet.

*Exodus 23:25

“So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water...”



Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul
was he;

He called for his pipe,
And he called for his bowl,
And he called for his
fiddlers three.

Old King Cole
Heard about a Babe born
*In Bethlehem's manger;

Without pipe and bowl,
His fiddlers three
Played for the Newborn
Stranger.

*Luke 2:4, 5



“And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...to be registered with Mary...who was with child.”



John fought for
His beloved land,
And when the war
Was over;

He kept a little
Cookie stand,
And lived and died,
In clover.

*He fought
The good fight;
He finished
The race;

So the Lord
Sent to flight
His soul,
For his faith.

*2 Timothy 4:7

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

The inky dinky spider,
Went up the water spout;
Down came the rain,
And washed the spider out.

Out came the sunshine,
And dried up all the rain;
Then the inky dinky spider,
Went up the spout again.

*Every creeping thing,
According to its kind;
If you want to look,
You will surely find.

But don't you realize,
Man inside his head,
Could not create a spider,
Nor even spin a web.

So if you see a spider,
Wonder at his grace;
Don't destroy his web,
Leave it there in place.

Only God can give us
Such a special thing,
To put into our songs
That we do like to sing.

I thanked the Lord Jesus
For this pretty song;
I asked Him to give it,
And it came right along.

I hope to get some more
In the days to come,
From my God in heaven,
And His precious Son.

*Genesis 1:30

"...and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so."

Penny and penny,
Laid up will be many;
Who will not save a penny
Shall never have any.

You can save a penny,
But don't save too many;
Lest you hit a snare,
And then don't have any.

For the love of money
Has fumbled a few,
And if your not careful,
You will lose too.

*The desire to be rich
Will bring you temptation;
To make a wrong move
Then adds to frustration.

*1 Timothy 6:9

"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition."



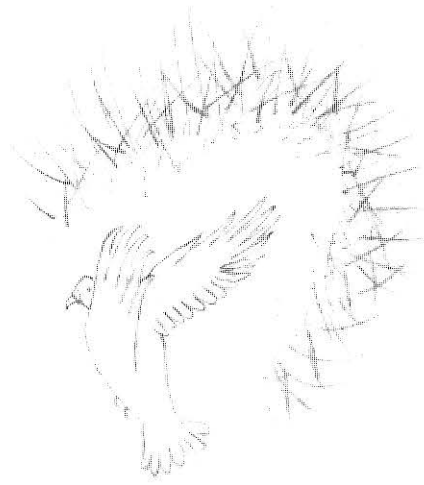
There was a little girl,
And she had a little curl,
Right in the middle
Of her forehead.

When she was good,
She was very, very good,
And when she was bad,
She was horrid.

She read the Bible
To seek the Lord;
And asked for Jesus,
Of her own accord.

*He sent His Holy Spirit
Down into her life;
So she may live,
Without any strife.

*Romans 15:13



“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Humpty Dumpty
Sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty
Had a great fall;

All the King's horses
And all the King's men
Couldn't put Humpty
Together again.

They all got together,
And prayed to the Lord,
To have their Humpty
Completely restored.

*The Lord had compassion
With them and their call
About Humpty Dumpty,
And replenished his all.

*Luke 15:13-17 20-24



“...the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. And when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’ ...And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called you son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fattened calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found...’”

All work and no play,
Makes Jack a dull boy;
All play and no work,
Makes Jack a mere toy.

*"If anyone will not work,
Neither shall he eat;"
The laws of the Bible
Really can't be beat.

Brother do not grow
Weary in doing good;
Live by the Lord's Word,
As all Christians should.

Then God will give you
More than you would guess,
And keep your very life
From being under stress.

*2 Thessalonians 3:10



"...If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."



I sing, I sing,
From morn till night;
From cares I'm free,
And my heart is light.

*I sing a new song,
To You, O God;
Though people see me,
As if I'm odd.

My songs do tell
Of many years
Filled with woe,
And lots of fears.

And then they say,
How You, I did find,
Who brought to me
A Light that shined.

*Psalm 144:9

"I will sing a new song to You, O God..."



Little maiden,
Better tarry;
Time enough,
Next year to marry.

Hearts may change,
And so may fancy;
Wait a little
Longer, Nancy.

A command to you
From the start,
*Is for you
To never part.

A wife and her man
Are of one heart;
So always put the horse,
Before the cart!

*1 Corinthians 7:10

"...A wife is not to depart from her husband."

Hie to the market,
Jennie come trot;
Spilled all her buttermilk,
Every drop.

Every drop,
And every dram;
Jennie came home,
With an empty can.

She thought her mother
Would whip her knee;
So she hid crying,
As you can see.

Her mother found her
In her place;
But did not anger
At her disgrace.

*Mom forgave her,
To her surprise;
Because God forgives us,
All our lives.

If He could forgive
All we have done;
Who was she,
Not to forgive one.

She gave Jennie
A big hug,
To dry her tears,
And make her feel snug.

So when your children
Come to you sad;
Forgive their mistakes,
So they don't feel bad.

*Matthew 6:14

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."



Miss One, Two and Three,
Could never agree;
While they gossiped around,
A tea-caddy.

Though widows they be,
Miss One, Two and Three;
They only had time,
To be gossipy.

So marry, they did,
And had some more kids;
*To stop being idle,
And put on the lid.

This made busy hands,
And hearts that feel grand;
Then blameless they were,
At the Lord's command.

*1 Timothy 5:13

"And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not."

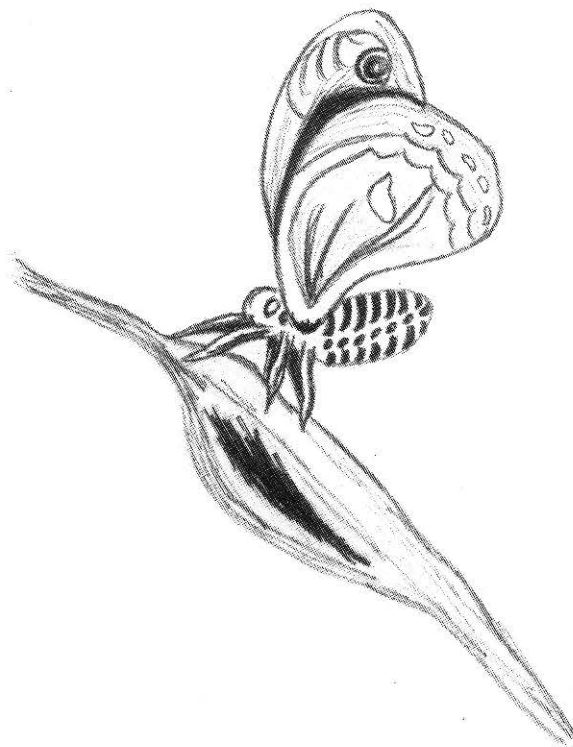
Patience is a virtue,
Virtue is a grace;
Both put together,
Make a very pretty face.

*"Bear fruit with patience,"
And the Lord will give grace
To those who walk uprightly,
Without loss of face.

He will add glory;
No good thing will He withhold,
To His True Warriors,
Who live hot, not cold.

So stay on fire for God.
Be sure not to fall,
And do not quarrel,
But be gentle to all.

*Luke 8:15



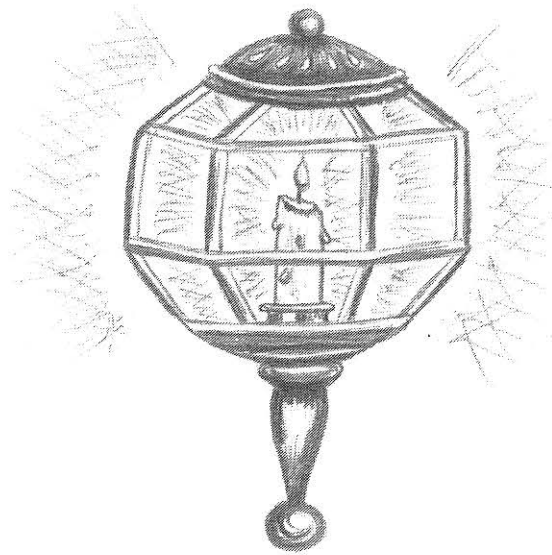
"But what fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

I live my life for Thee;
For Your love is like
*A guiding Light to me.

A Light forever
I shall see;
Burning deep, so deep,
In my memories.

A gift from my dad
To my mom,
Rings in your ears
Like a psalm.

I am honored to
Include this rhyme,
In this little
Book of mine.



*Psalms 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



Forgive the world
And its many people,
For they are so blind;

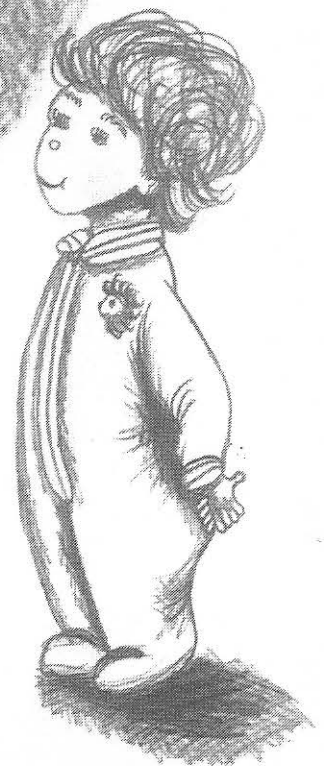
One day, my Lord,
They will seek and find;
For then they shall have time.

*"For man also does not
Know his time...
When it falls
Suddenly upon them."

We must seek now
The Lord and find;
Lest the devil
Devour all men.

*Ecclesiastes 9:12

"For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them."



The Son of man was crucified,
Then Israel looked up and cried;
He loved them that much, so they sighed;
Then He stretched out His arms and died.

Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit,
Was uttered before, but they did not hear it;
*The curtain of the temple was torn in two,
When Jesus gave His life for me and you.

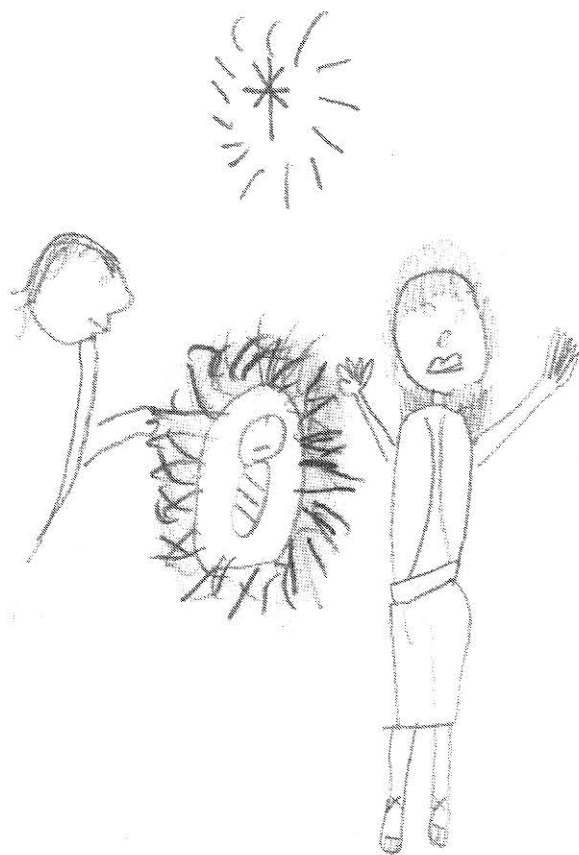
*Mark 15:38

"And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

My daughter Jennie had a dream in May of this year in which there was a box filled with copies of my book-to-be, Mother Goose Rhymes for Biblical Times. I gave one copy to her, one to her sister, and took one for myself. The three of us sat down to read them, and at that point I woke her up.

To reduce the printing cost, and thereby make the book affordable to a greater number of people, I chose a spiral binding. When explaining to the girls what it was, Jennie exclaimed "Mommy, that's the kind of binding on the book in my dream!" I told her that it must have been the Lord telling us what kind of binding to use on the book.

This picture is her rendition of the cover on the book in her dream:



...I would also like to mention how helpful Jennie was with her advice in contrasting the illustrations as the work progressed. Her ability to gage the darkness of shadows is very keen.