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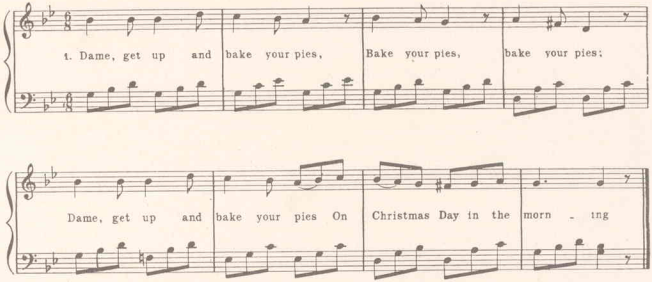

2. Dame, what makes your maidens lie?
Maidens lie, maidens lie;
Dame, what makes your maidens lie
On Christmas Day in the morning?

3. Dame, what makes your ducks to die? etc

4. "Their wings are cut, they cannot fly; etc.

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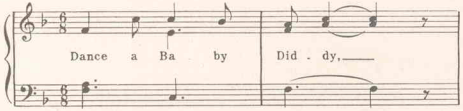

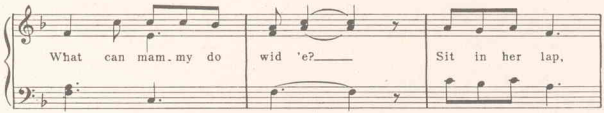

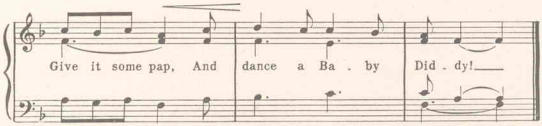

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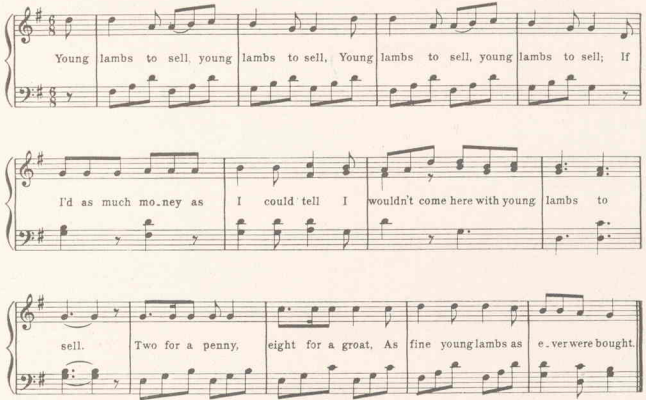

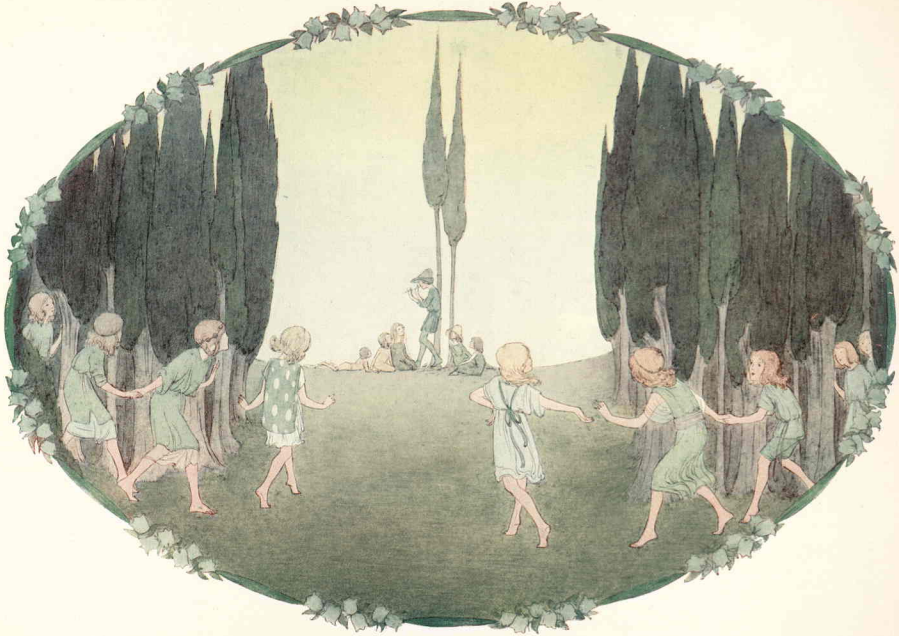

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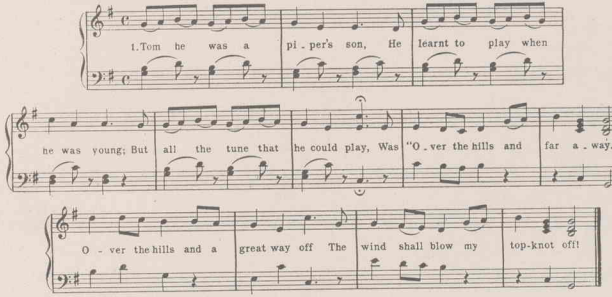
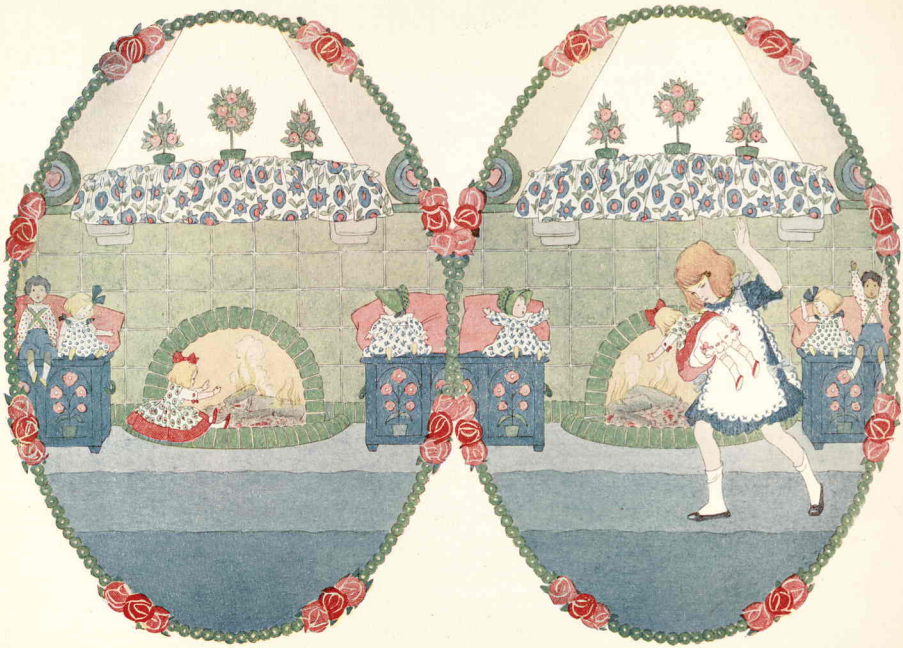


2. Tom with his pipe made such a noise
That he pleased both the girls and boys,
And so they stopped to hear him play
"Over the hills and far away," etc



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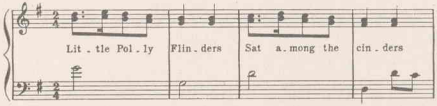

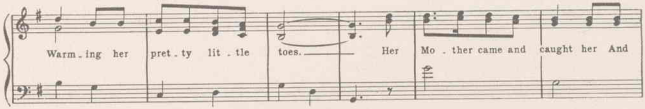

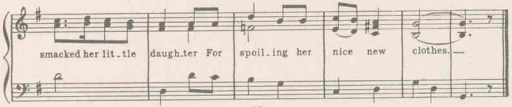

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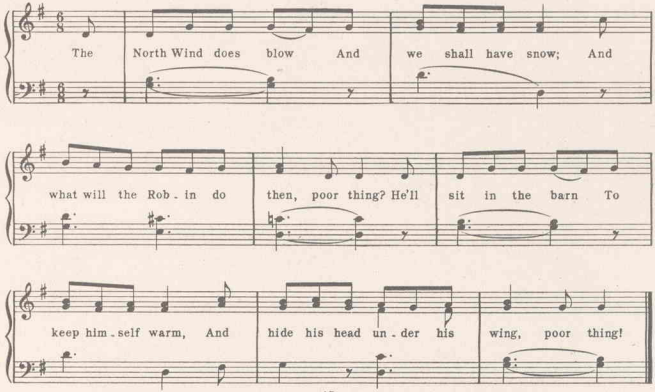

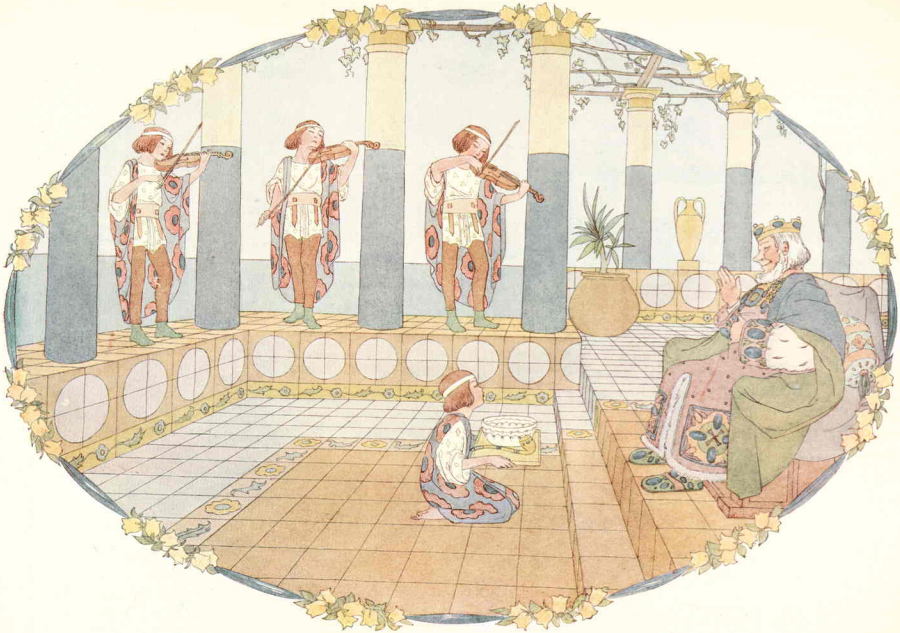

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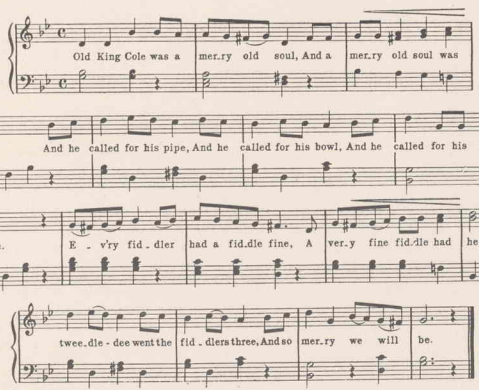

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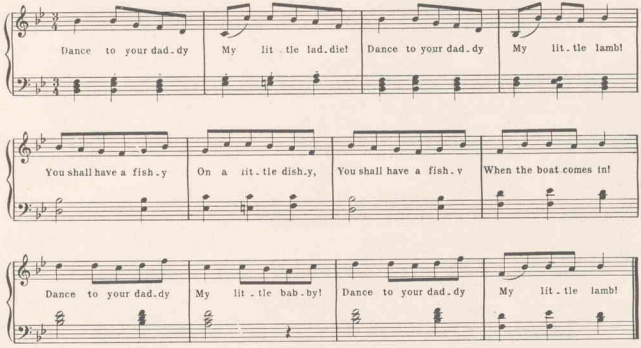

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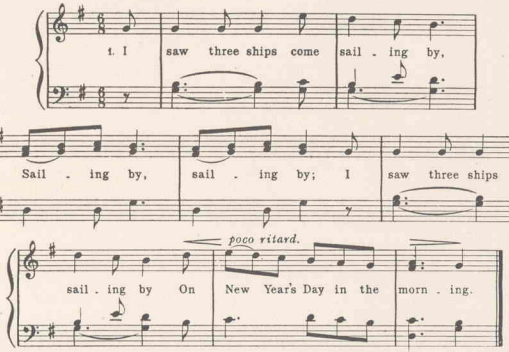
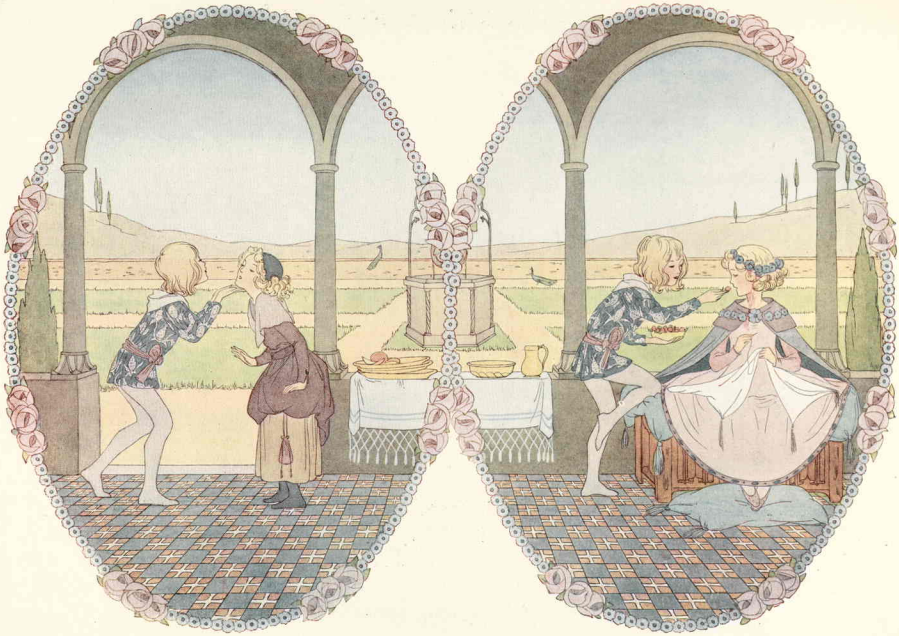


2. And what do you think was in them then, etc.

3. Three pretty girls were in them then, etc.

4. And one could whistle, and one could sing,
The other could play on the violin;
Such joy there was at my wedding
On New Year's Day in the morning.



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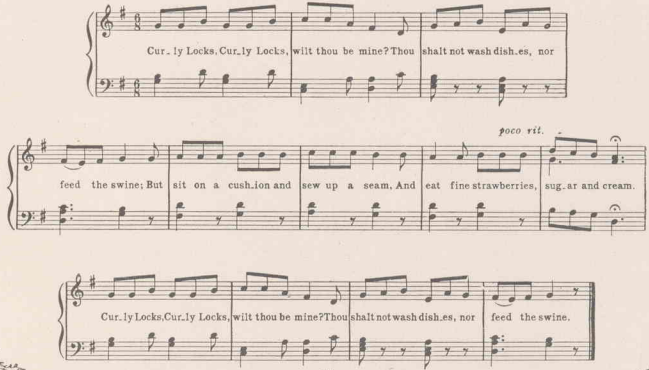
Cur_ly Locks, Cur_ly Locks, wilt thou be mine? Thou shalt not wash dish_es, nor
poco rit.
feed the swine; But sit on a cush_ion and sew up a seam, And eat fine strawberries, sug_ar and cream.
Cur_ly Locks, Cur_ly Locks, wilt thou be mine? Thou shalt not wash dish_es, nor feed the swine.

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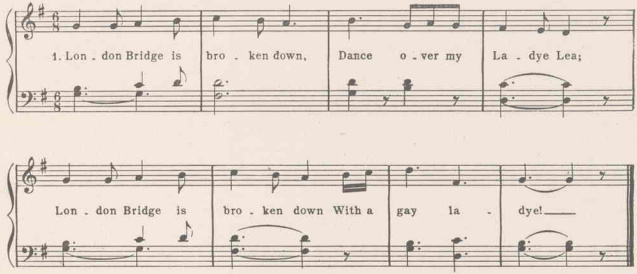

2. How shall we build it up again?
Dance over my Ladye Lea!
How shall we build it up again?
With a gay ladye!

3. Silver and gold will be stole away, etc.
4. Build it up with iron and steel, etc.
5. Iron and steel will bend and bow, etc.
6. Build it up with wood and clay, etc
7. Wood and clay will wash away, etc.
8. Build it up with stone so strong, etc.

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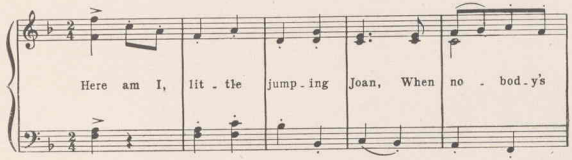

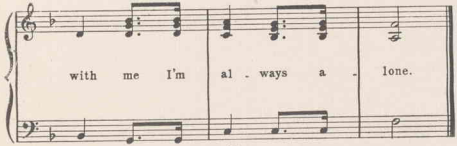

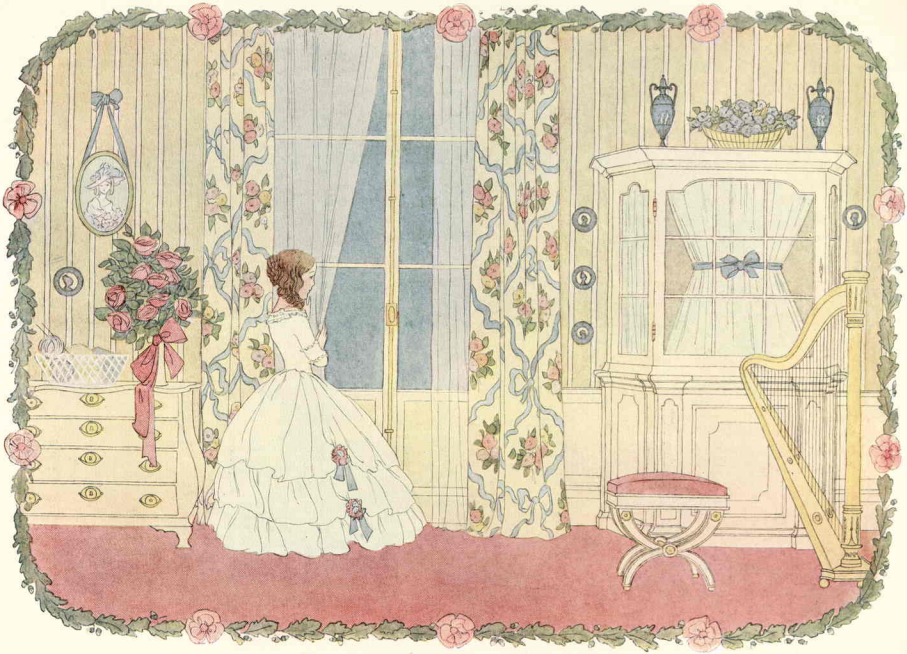

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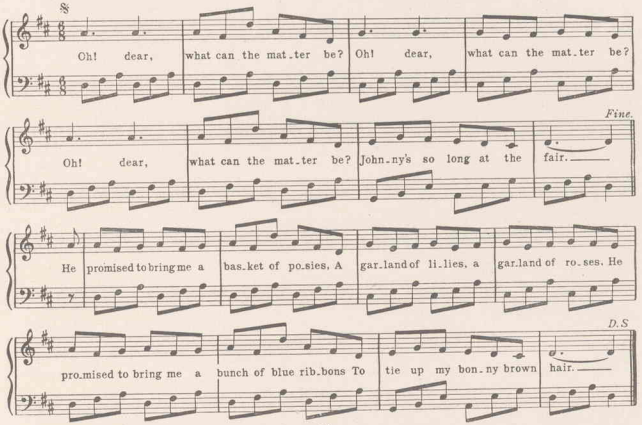
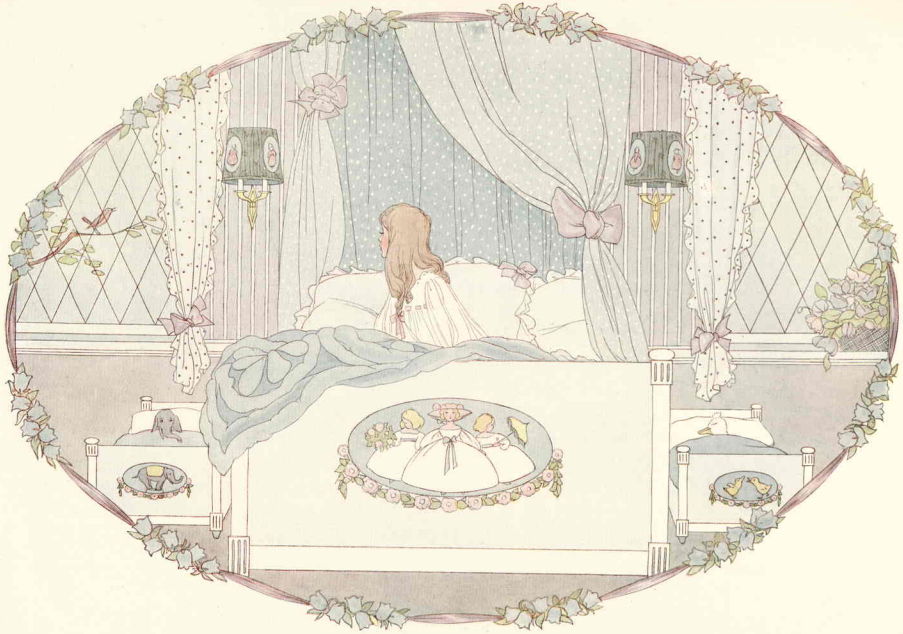
OH! DEAR, WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?





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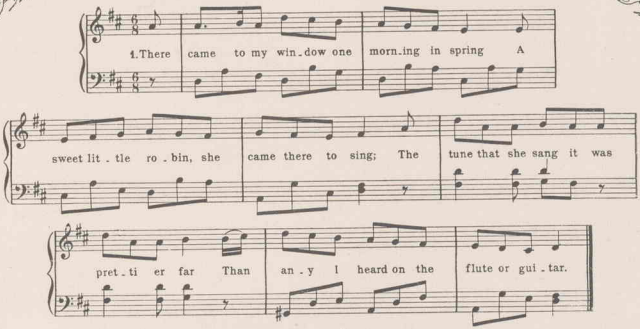
THERE CAME TO MY WINDOW.



2. Her wings she was spreading to soar far away,
Then resting a moment seem'd sweetly to say:–
"Oh happy, how happy the world seems to be,
Awake, little girl, and be happy with me!"

3. But just as she finished her beautiful song,
A thoughtless young man with his gun came along;
He killed and he carried my robin away,
She'll never sing more at the break of day.

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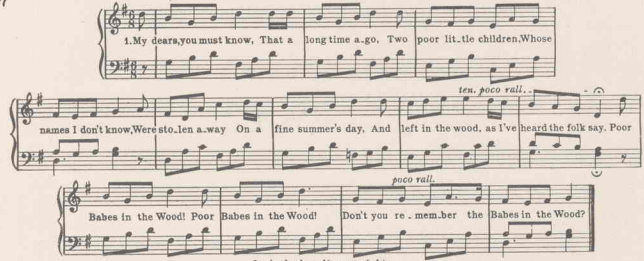
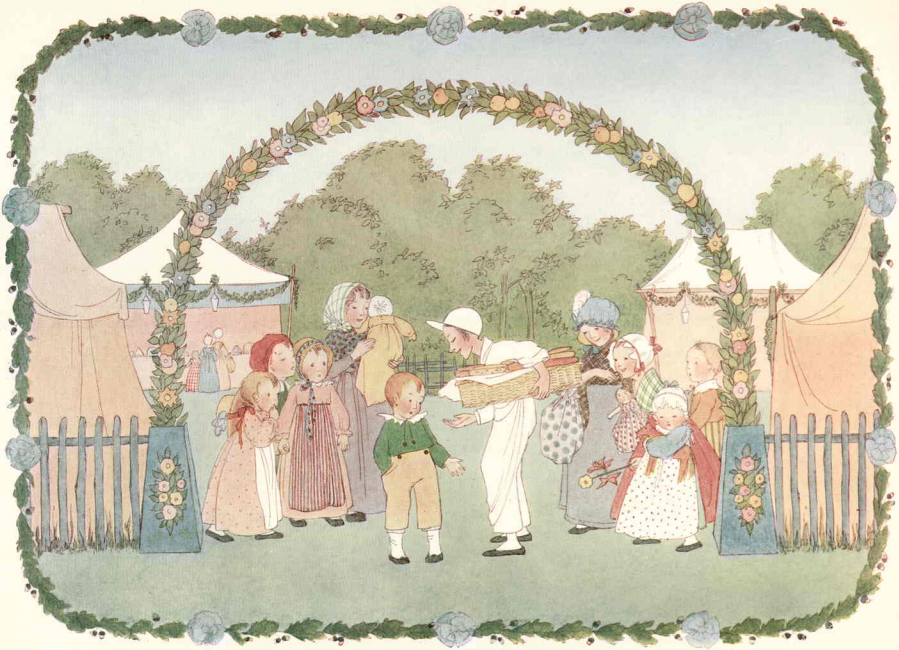
THE BABES IN THE WOOD.



2. And when it was night,
So sad was their plight,
The sun it went down, and the moon gave no light;
They sobb'd and they sigh'd
And they bitterly cried,
And the poor little things they then lay down and died.
Poor Babes in the Wood! etc.

3. And when they were dead,
The robins so red,
Brought strawberry leaves to over them spread,
Then all the day long,
The branches among,
They mournfully whistled, and this was their song.
Poor Babes in the Wood! etc.



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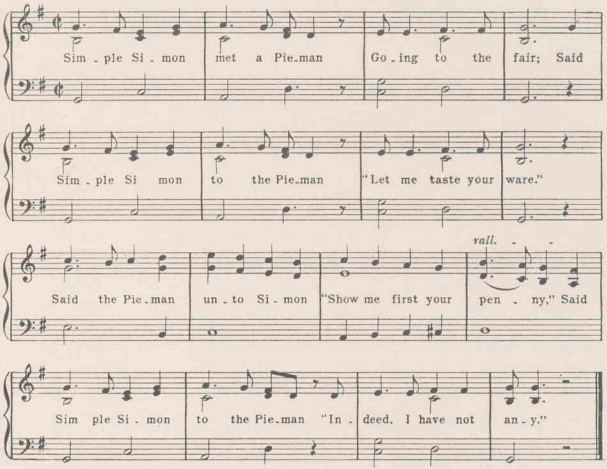

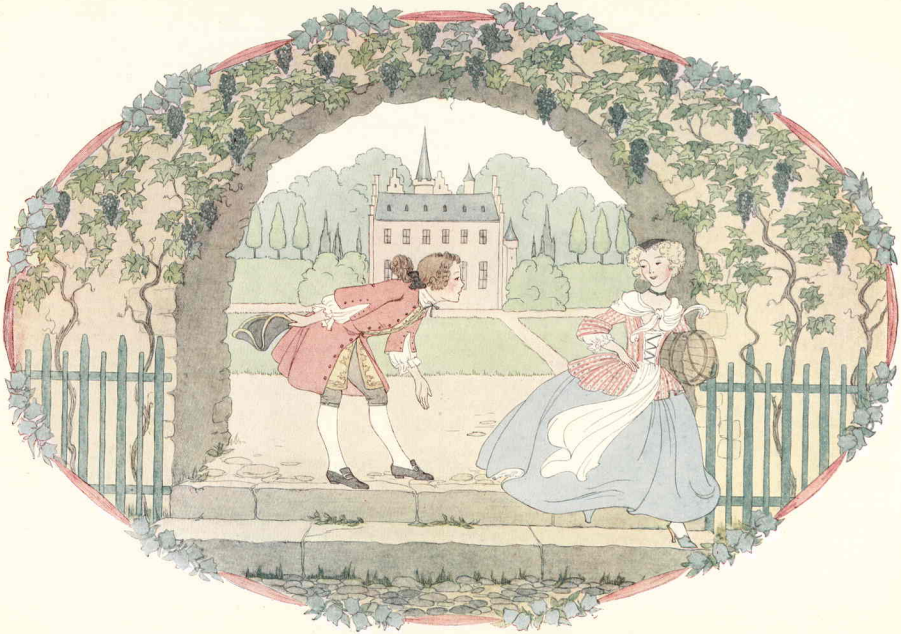

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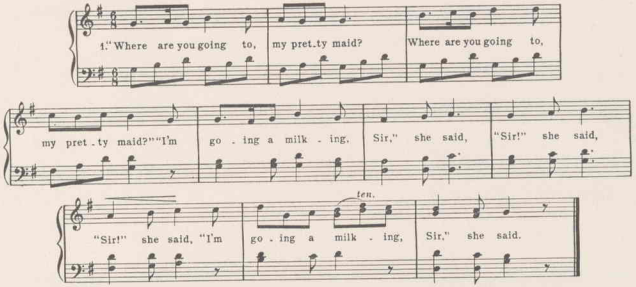
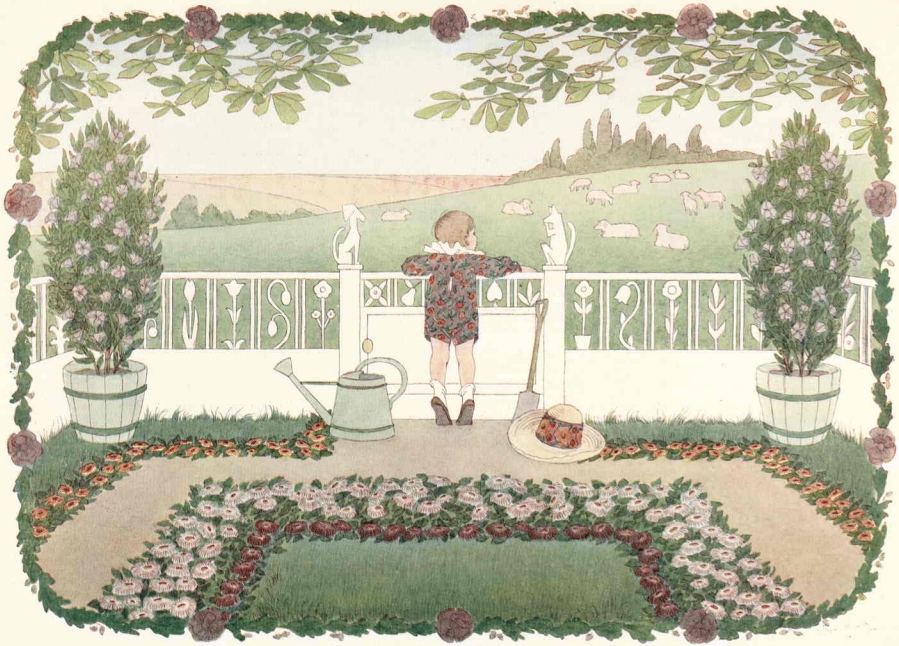
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO, MY PRETTY MAID?



2. ||: "May I go with you, my pretty maid? :||
"You're kindly welcome, Sir," she said.

3. ||: "What is your fortune, my pretty maid? :||
"My face is my fortune, Sir," she said.

4. ||: "Then I can't marry you, my pretty maid? :||
"Nobody asked you, Sir," she said.



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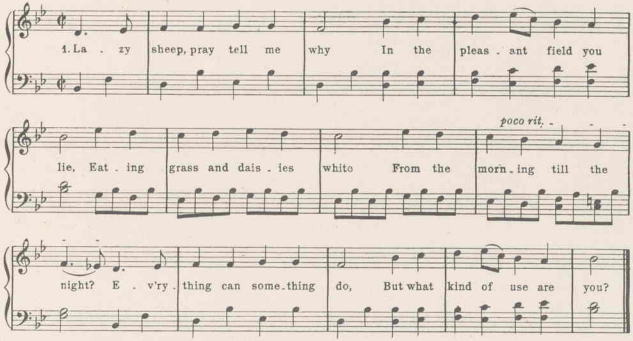
LAZY SHEEP, PRAY TELL ME WHY?



2 "Nay, my little master, nay,
Do not serve me so, I pray;
Don't you see the wool that grows
On my back to make your clothes?
Cold, ah, very cold you'd be
If you had not wool from me."

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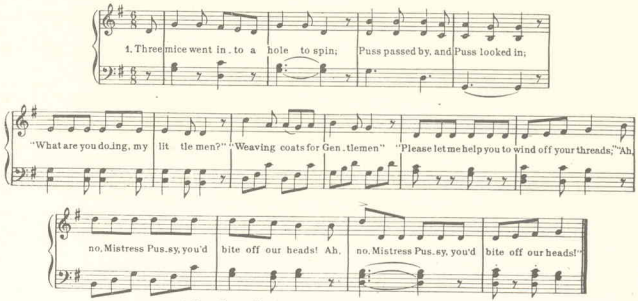
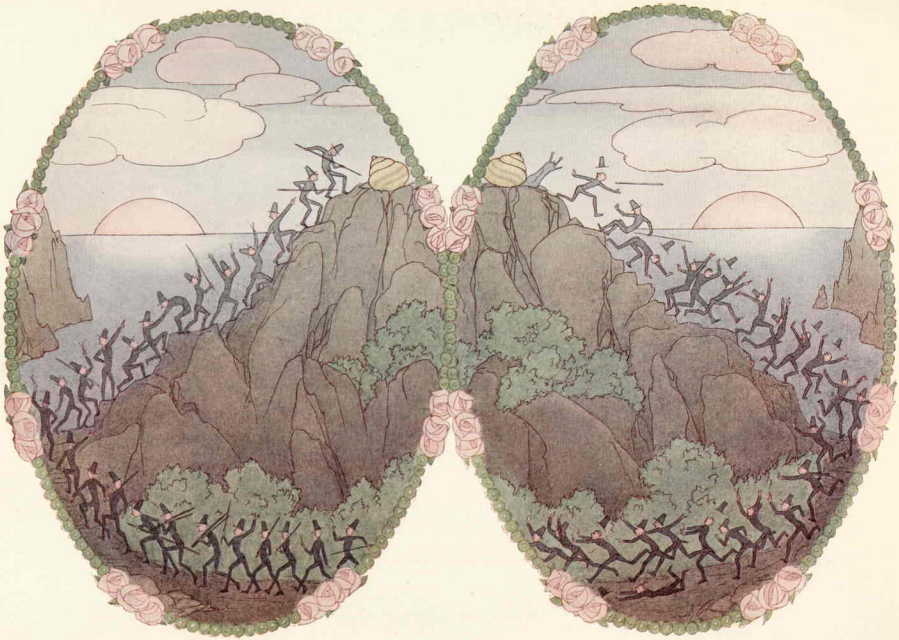
THREE MICE WENT INTO A HOLE TO SPIN.



2 Says Puss: "You look so wondrous wise,
I like your whiskers and bright black eyes;
Your house is the nicest house I see,
I think there is room for you and me."
The mice were so pleased that they opened the door
And Pussy soon laid them all dead on the floor.
And Pussy soon laid them all dead on the floor



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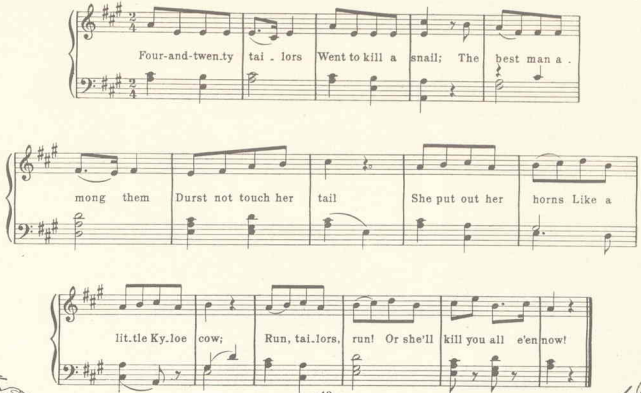

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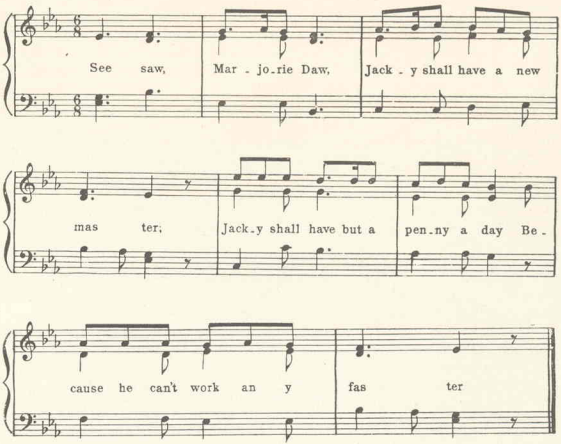

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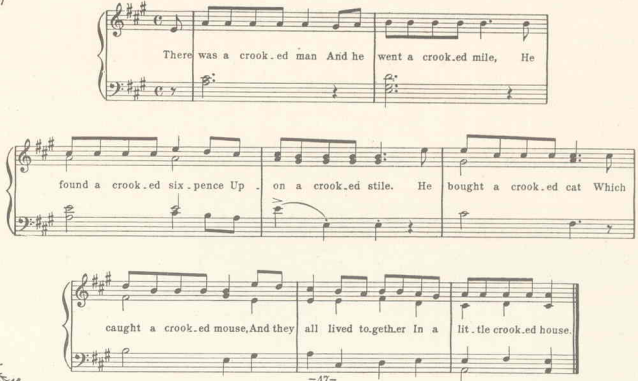

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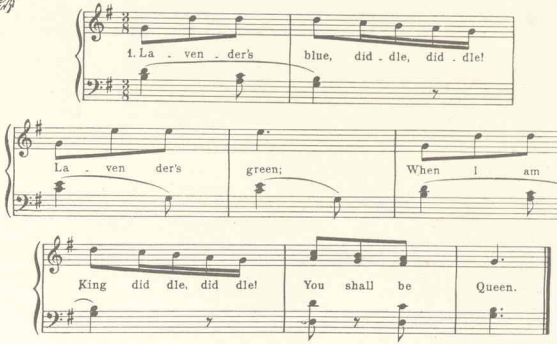
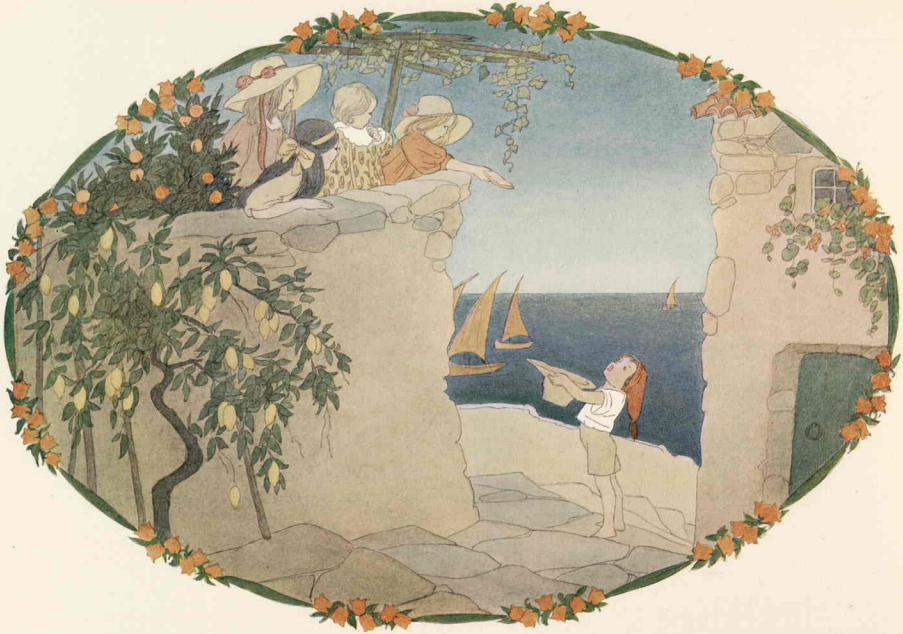


2. Call up your men, diddle, diddle!
Set them to work,
Some to the plough, diddle, diddle!
Some to the cart

3. Some to make hay, diddle, diddle!
Some to cut corn;
While you and I, diddle, diddle!
Keep ourselves warm



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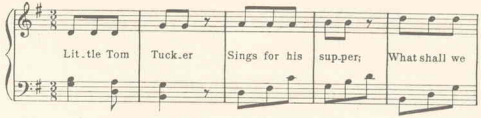

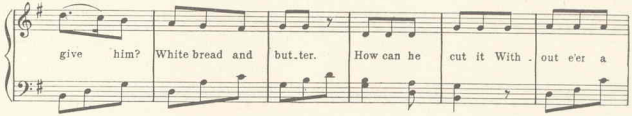

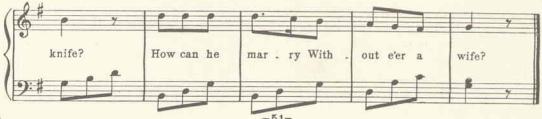

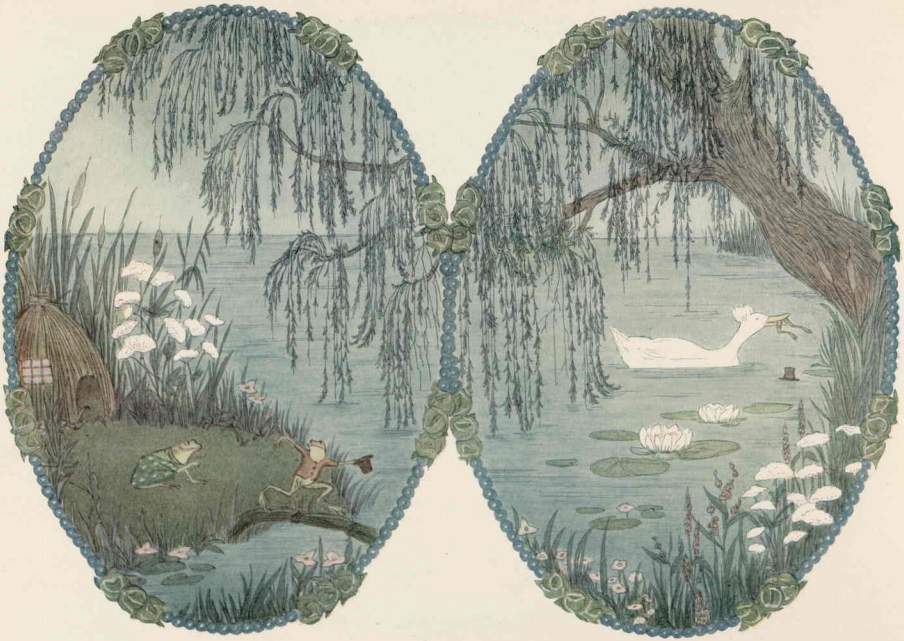

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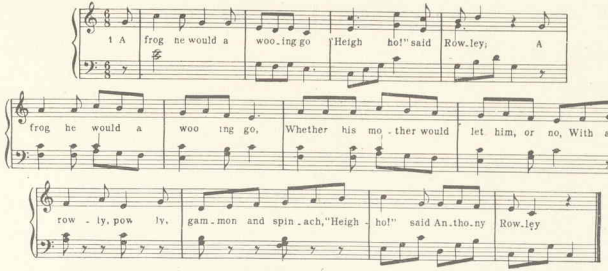
A FROG HE WOULD A-WOOING GO



Off he set with his opera hat,
"Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
Off he set with his opera hat,
And on the road he met with a rat,
With a rowly, powly, &c

Soon they arrived at the mouse's hall,
They gave a loud tap, and they gave a loud call,
With a rowly, powly, &c

"Pray Mr. Frog will you give us a song?
Let the subject be something that's not over long,"
With a rowly, powly, &c

"Indeed, Mrs. Mouse!" replied the frog,
"A cold has made me as hoarse as a hog,"
With a rowly, powly, &c

"Since you have caught cold, Mr. Frog," mousy said,
"I'll sing you a song that I have just made,"
With a rowly, powly, &c

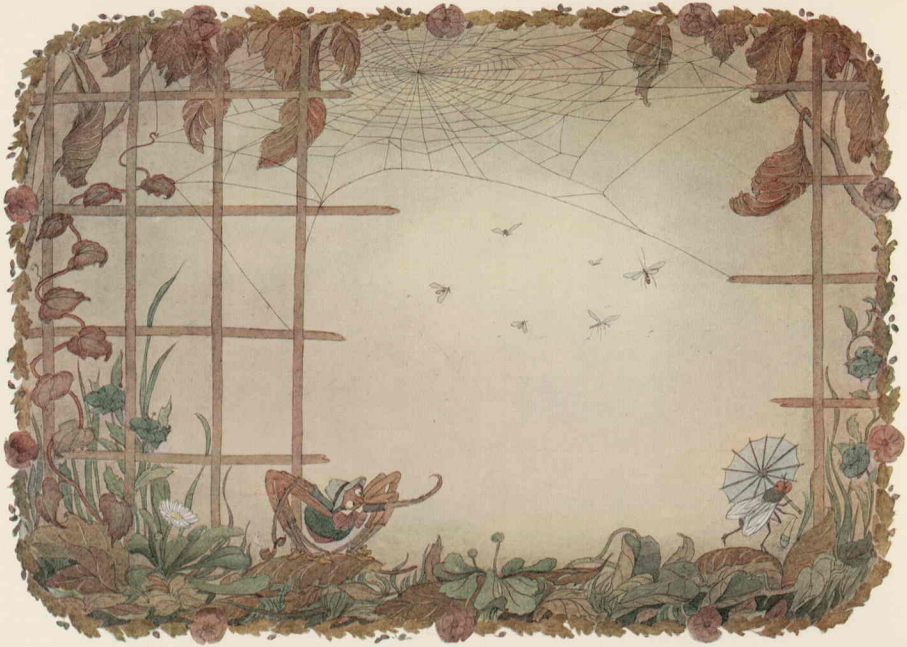
As they were in glee and merry making
A cat and her kittens came tumbling in
With a rowly, powly, &c

The cat she seized the rat by the crown,
The kittens they pulled the little mouse down,
With a rowly, powly, &c.

This put Mr. Frog in a terrible fright,
He took up his hat and he wished them good-night,
With a rowly, powly, &c

As froggy was crossing it over a brook,
A lily-white duck came and gobbled him up
With a rowly, powly, &c

So here is an end of one, two and three,
"Heigh-ho!" said Rowley;
So here is an end of one, two and three
The rat, the mouse, and the little froggy,
With a rowly, powly, &c.



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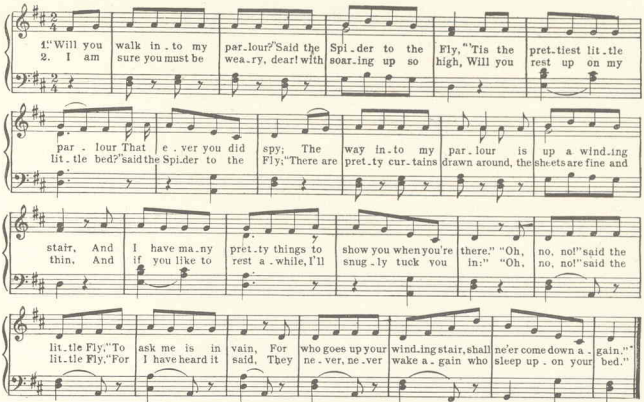
THE SPIDER AND THE FLY.



The Spider turned him round about and went into his den.
For well he knew the silly Fly would soon come back again;
So he wove a subtle web in a little corner sly,
And he set his table ready to dine upon the Fly:
Then he came out to his door again and merrily did sing,
"Come hither, hither, pretty Fly with the pearl and silver wing."

Alas! alas! how very soon this silly little Fly,
Hearing all these flattering speeches came quickly buzzing by;
With gauzy wing she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew,
Thinking only of her crested head and gold and purple hue:
Thinking only of her brilliant wings poor silly thing, at last
Up jumped the wicked Spider and fiercely held her fast!

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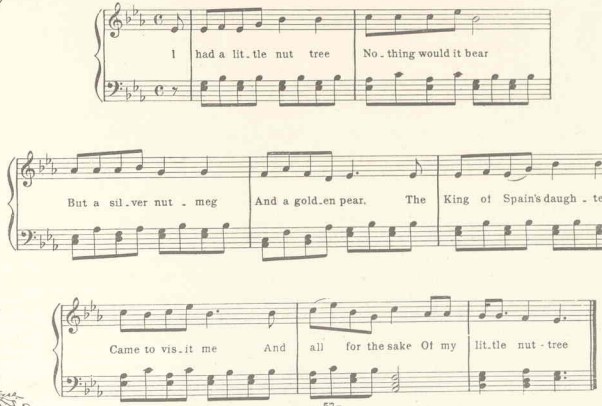
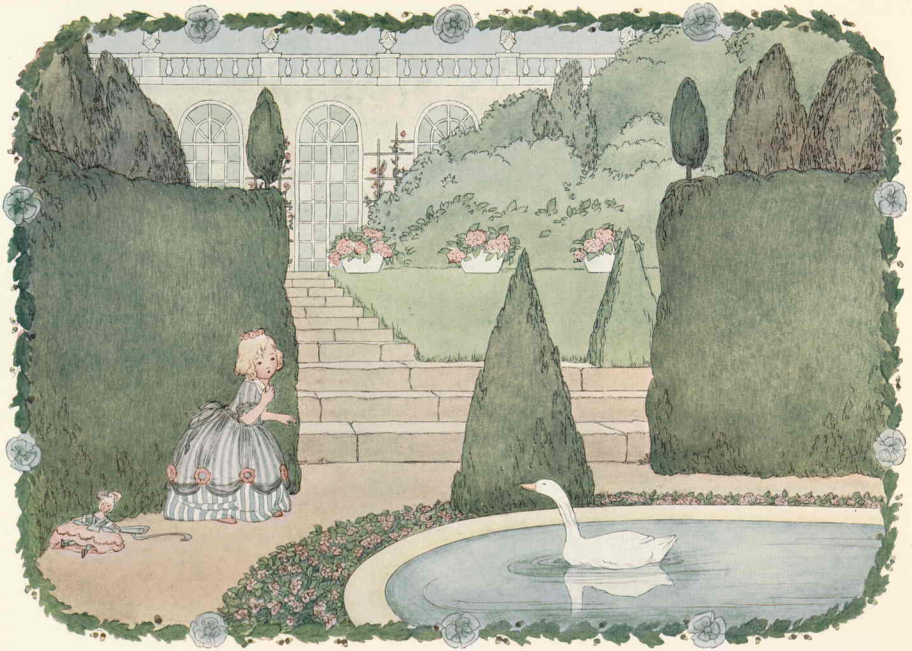
I HAD A LITTLE NUT-TREE.





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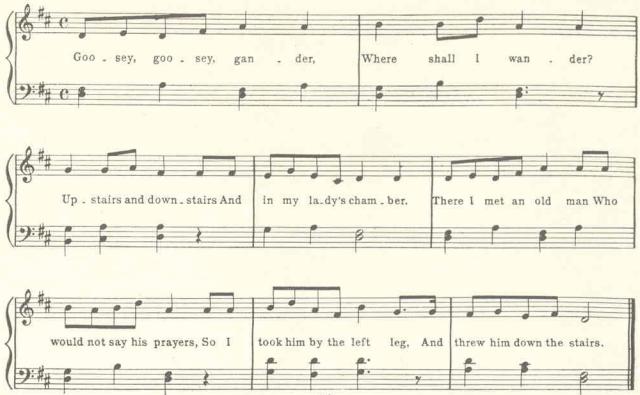

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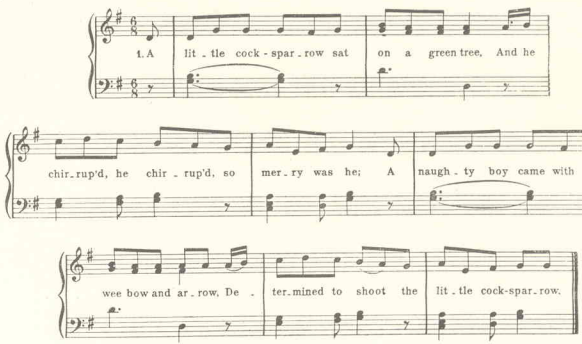
A LITTLE COCK-SPARROW.



2. "This little cock-sparrow shall make me a stew
And his giblets shall make me a little pie too;"
"Oh, no!" said the sparrow, "I won't make a stew,"
So he flapped his wings, and away he flew.

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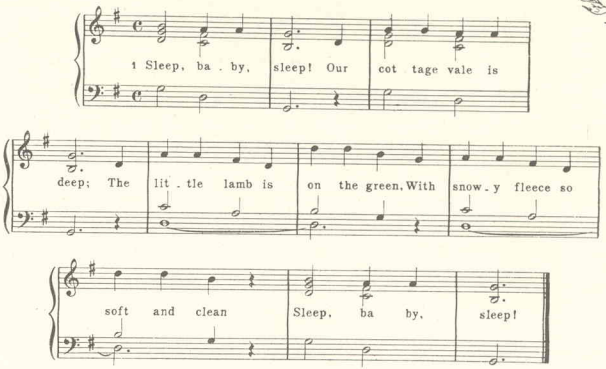
SLEEP, BABY, SLEEP.



2 Sleep, baby, sleep!
Thy rest shall angels keep,
While on the grass the lamb shall feed.
And never suffer want or need.
Sleep, baby, sleep!

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