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THE CHILDREN AND THE MOON

TIME: *Evening.*

PLACE: *Out of doors.*

THREE GIRLS.

THREE BOYS.

MOON.

Girl

Lady Moon, Lady Moon, where are you
roving ?

Moon

Over the sea.

Boy

Lady Moon, Lady Moon, whom are you
loving ?

Moon

All that love me.

Boy

Are you not tired with rolling, and never
Resting to sleep ?

Girl

Why look so pale, and so sad, as forever
Wishing to weep ?

Moon

Ask me not this, you children who love me,
 You are too bold ;
 I must obey my dear Father above me,
 And do as I'm told.

Boy

Lady Moon, Lady Moon, where are you roving ?

Moon

Over the sea.

Girl

Lady Moon, Lady Moon, whom are you loving ?

Moon

All who love me.

— LORD HOUGHTON'S "A Child's Song" (*Adapted*).

O MOON, YOU PRETTY MOON

TIME: *Night.*

PLACE: *A nursery window.*

CHILDREN.

MOON.

Girl

O Moon, you pretty Moon, O Moon that
 shineth fair,
 Why do you stay so far away, so high above us
 there ?

Boy

O Moon, you must be very cold from shining
on the sea ;

If you would come and play with us, how
happy we should be !

Moon

O little child, child dear, I shine above your
head,

That I may light the ships at night when the
sun has gone to bed ;

That I may show the orphan boy his way
across the moor,

And bring the busy farmer home to his own
cottage door.

Boy

They say, Moon, I have sunny hair.

Girl

And I a sparkling face.

Boy

To light the ships and orphan boys, we greatly
do desire ;

And you might come and warm yourself
before the nursery fire.

Moon

O children, list to me, we have each allotted
parts ;