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JOHN DEWEY.



## THE LITTLE RED APPLE.

Once there was a little red apple.  
It was high up in a tree.  
A little girl saw the apple.  
“Oh, Apple!” she said. “Come down  
to me.”

But the little red apple did not hear  
her, for it was fast asleep.

The bright sun came out.

“Oh, Sun! Dear Sun!” said the little  
girl. “Will you waken the apple?”

The sun kissed the apple, but it did  
not fall down.

A little bird sat upon the bough  
of a tree.

“Little Bird, can you waken the apple?”  
The bird sang a pretty song, but that  
did not waken the apple.

“Here comes West Wind,”  
said the little girl.

“He will waken the apple for me.”  
West Wind shook the tree and down  
fell the apple.

“Thank you, West Wind,” said  
the little girl.