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PREFACE

ALL good teachers to-day seek to use the best literature as one of the most potent of educational means.

In the higher grades this is easily effected by means of reading matter in the hands of the children, but for the primary grades the task is much more difficult. Here suitable selections must be carefully made by the teacher and then read or recited to the children.

To make such selections wisely requires, in addition to the taste which comes from a wide acquaintance with good literature and access to good libraries, time to make the necessary researches. This requirement few teachers can meet. Hence some give up the task as impossible, while others use over and over again the few selections from standard authors which have become universally familiar, or, worse, employ poor or ephemeral material drawn from current periodicals.

This little list, which has been prepared with great care to supply partially the need of the overworked teacher, contains the names of stories and poems carefully graded, suitable for use in each of the primary grades. They are so classified also, that it will be easy to obtain selections suitable for correlation with the other subjects of the curriculum and for use upon special occasions, such as the various national holidays and in commemoration of events of historic interest. Many are also arranged with reference to the varying seasons of the year. It will not be necessary to repeat the stories or poems from grade to grade, as there is abundance of fresh material for each year and for every occasion.

While all of the selections are from the writings of standard authors, they have been chosen with reference to sources of supply, and it will be seen that most of them are found in books quite easily available, either in the regular editions of well-known authors, or in collections inexpensive and readily obtainable.

No one teacher will try to use more than a small portion of the selections here named. The number is purposely made large so that each teacher may easily obtain material enough for her use from some readily available source.

To teachers who have no definite plan it is suggested that at least one poem a month be memorized by the children and that as many stories be used as can readily be adapted to the work and interests of the school.

It is suggested that in the lowest grades the teachers carefully prepare themselves and then tell the stories to the children, and as the grades advance that they read more and more to them in order that as rapidly as possible the children may be imbued with the spirit and style of the best authors.

These stories can then be told freely again by the children to the teacher, in the lower grades orally only, in the higher both orally and in writing. This exercise serves to fix them in the mind and, besides, constitutes an excellent language lesson. The poems should be memorized by the children and recited, never paraphrased. The recitation should be usually by individual children, rarely in concert.

Poems and stories should often be chosen with the view that they may serve to amplify and enrich other subjects of the curriculum.

If by means of this little book the labors of any teachers are lightened and the minds of even a few children enriched by the possession of some of the choice treasures of our noble literature, the authors will be satisfied.

GRADED LIST OF POEMS AND STORIES



POEMS: FIRST YEAR

TITLE	AUTHOR	WHERE FOUND
Apple Seed John,	<i>L. M. Child,</i>	Poulsso'n's In the Child's World.
April Fools,	<i>E. H. Miller,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Baby Bye,	<i>Theodore Tilton,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Baby, The,	<i>Geo. MacDonald,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Ballad of Baby Bunting, The,	<i>H. S. Leigh,</i>	Jordan's Mother Song and Child Song.
Bed in Summer,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Busy Bee, The,	<i>Isaac Watts,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Children's Hour, The,	<i>H. W. Longfellow,</i>	Any standard edition of Longfellow.
Christmas Cat, The,	<i>F. D. Sherman,</i>	Little-Folk Lyrics.
Cock Robin's Death,	<i>Anonymous,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Constant Dove, The,	<i>Celia Thaxter,</i>	In the Child's World.
Cow, The,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Cricket, The,	<i>Cowper,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. II.
Father is Coming,	<i>Mary Howitt,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Fox and the Crow, The,	<i>Jane Taylor,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Good and Bad Children,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Hiawatha (Childhood),	<i>H. W. Longfellow,</i>	Riverside Literature Series, Nos. 13 and 14.
If Ever I See,	<i>L. M. Child,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
I Love Little Pussy,	<i>Jane Taylor,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.

TITLE	AUTHOR	WHERE FOUND
In the Tree Top,	<i>Lucy Larcom,</i>	Childhood Songs.
Ladybug, Ladybug,	<i>Selected,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Lady Moon,	<i>Lord Houghton,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Land of Counterpane, The,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Leaves at Play,	<i>F. D. Sherman,</i>	Little-Folk Lyrics.
Little Angel, The,	<i>Elizabeth Prentiss,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Little Birdie,	<i>Alfred Tennyson,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Little Boy Blue,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Little Dandelion,	<i>H. B. Postwick,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Little Kitten, The,	<i>Selected,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Little Kittie,	<i>Elizabeth Prentiss,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Little Leaves, The,	<i>Geo. Cooper,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Little Things,	<i>Anonymous,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Little White Lily,	<i>Geo. MacDonald,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Mary's Lamb,	<i>Mrs. S. J. Hale,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
May,	<i>R. M. Alden,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Minnie and Winnie,	<i>Alfred Tennyson,</i>	Any standard edition of Tennyson.
My Shadow,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
New Moon, The,	<i>E. Lee Follen,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Nip and Tuck,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	Poems.
Norse Lullaby,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Nursery Song,	<i>Mrs. Carter,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
October's Party,	<i>Selected,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
One, Two, Three,	<i>H. C. Bunner,</i>	Riverside Literature Series, No. 59.
Over in the Meadow,	<i>O. A. Wadsworth,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Pussy Willow,	<i>K. L. Brown,</i>	Jordan's Mother Song and Child Song.
Queen Mab,	<i>Thomas Hood,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Rock-a-Bye Lady, The,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	The Eugene Field Book.
Santa Claus and the Mouse,	<i>Emilie Poulsson,</i>	In the Child's World.
Shadows, The,	<i>F. D. Sherman,</i>	Little-Folk Lyrics.
Shadow Town Ferry,	<i>Lilian Rice,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Silk Worm, The,	<i>Mary Howitt,</i>	In the Child's World.

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TITLE	AUTHOR	WHERE FOUND
Singing,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Sleep, Baby, Sleep,	<i>German,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Spider and the Fly, The,	<i>Mary Howitt,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Spring,	<i>Celia Thaxter,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Thanksgiving Day,	<i>L. M. Child,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
They Didn't Think,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Three Little Bugs,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
To a Honey Bee,	<i>Alice Cary,</i>	Poems.
Tree, The,	<i>Bjornsen,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,	<i>Jane Taylor,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
What Are You Good For?	<i>E. H. Miller,</i>	Open Sesame, Vol. I.
Where Go the Boats?	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.
Wind, The,	<i>R. L. Stevenson,</i>	Child's Garden of Verses.

POEMS: SECOND YEAR

An April Welcome,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Poems.
Blue Bird, The,	<i>Emily H. Miller,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Brown Thrush, The,	<i>Lucy Larcom,</i>	The Land of Song, Vol. I.
Characteristics of a Favorite Dog,	<i>William Wordsworth,</i>	Any standard edition of Wordsworth.
Chick-a-dee,	<i>R. W. Emerson,</i>	Any standard edition of Emerson.
Chicken's Mistake, The,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Christmas Song,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	Poems.
Chestnut Burr, The,	<i>Selected,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Crow's Children, The,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Dandelion, The,	<i>N. M. Garabrant,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Don't Give Up,	<i>Phæbe Cary,</i>	Poems.
Duel, The,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	The Eugene Field Book.
Dutch Lullaby,	<i>Eugene Field,</i>	Lovejoy's Nature in Verse.
Fairy Folk, The,	<i>W. Allingham,</i>	Whittier's Child Life.
Fairy Jewels,	<i>F. D. Sherman,</i>	Little-Folk Lyrics.
Hiawatha (Fishing),	<i>H. W. Longfellow,</i>	Riverside Literature Series, Nos. 13 and 14.