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I OFFER these Verses to my friends quite conscious that there is not a spark of genius in them; but as a genuine expression of my deepest feelings, they may interest those whose kindness has made my long life so happy.

LOUISA J. HALL.

CAMBRIDGE, April, 1892.

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#### THE BABY'S COMPLAINT.1

H mother, dear mother, no wonder I cry;

More wonder by far that your baby don't die!

No matter what ails me, no matter who's here,

No matter how hungry the "poor little dear!"

No matter if full, or all out of breath,

She trots me, and trots me, and trots me to death!

I love my dear nurse, but I dread that great knee;
I like all her talk, but woe unto me!
She can't be contented with talking so pretty,
And washing and dressing, and doing her duty;

1 Calling on a lady of the parish, I found her baby of two weeks old wailing in the nurse's lap while she trotted it vigorously. It became quiet as soon as I took it in my arms, but when on leaving I gave it back, the trotting began again, and the pitiful crying also. These verses were written as soon as I reached home, were printed in a Providence paper and copied very widely, even as far as New Orleans, at the time.