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*TO THE ILLUSTRATOR*

IN GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HIS AMIABLE  
CONDESCENSION IN LENDING HIS EXQUISITELY  
DELICATE ART TO THE EMBELLISHMENT OF THESE  
POOR VERSES FROM HIS SINCEREST ADMIRER

THE AUTHOR

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**THE BASHFUL EARTHQUAKE**

*CRIME, Wickedness, Villany, Vice,  
And Sin only misery bring ;  
If you want to be Happy and Nice,  
Be good and all that sort of thing.*

The  
Bashful Earthquake



THE Earthquake rumbled  
And mumbled  
    And grumbled;  
And then he bumped,  
And everything tumbled —  
    Bumpyty-thump!  
    Thumpyty-bump! —  
Houses and palaces all in a lump!