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DEDICATION

*To the precious memory of my true
devoted parents, William R. Ray and
Hester A. Ray, of Riley, Indiana,
this little volume of poems is ten-
derly and lovingly dedicated by*
THE AUTHOR.

THE HAPPY HOOSIER

I met a happy Hoosier on a summer day,
"Give me a dime," he said, "I pray."

But I said to him, "I'm broke you see,
You can have any dime you find on me."

When I informed him I was broke
He didn't even wait to joke;

But a happy Hoosier still was he
Although he got no dime from me.

Then he hastened away without a frown
As tho' I had given him half a crown.

I don't know why we need to cry
Or often heave a mournful sigh,

Whether in truth you're really broke
Or just pretend it in a joke.

If you travel round in this big world,
You'll find a lot of folks need gold;

For, O, so many that you see
Have just been broke, or soon will be.

But what is gained by feeling bad?
Cheer up my friend, and don't look sad;

For it doesn't cost much to give a smile
But it will wear for many a mile.

I am so glad the air is free
And so is talk in some degree;

But when you've money, don't forget
To pay your bills without regret.