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Tommy-Anne stood in the doorway tying a knot in the elastic of her hat. — p. 2.

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PREFACE

TOMMY-ANNE and Waddles went out of doors to find Reason Why, and I have tried to tell you how they found him.

The winds whispered to Tommy-Anne, and the birds sang to her; she knew that they bore messages, but she could not understand them until Heart of Nature came to help her.

Reason Why is always roving about the fields and woods, often creeping indoors, or sunning himself in winter in a warm garden corner. Go out and question him for yourselves, you healthy, happy children. If the weather is very cold, coax him in by the fireside. You will find that the Three Hearts are always ready to interpret for you, for the thing that they love best is the pure child-heart, whether its owner is seven or seventy.

M. O. W.



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