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TO
JOE & ADA MAGGS
AND THE CHILDREN THAT LOVE THEM

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WHEN Farmer Sun with rosy wink
Says good-bye all, and drives away,
When safe in fold the sheep-bells clink,
And hard-worked horses munch their hay,

When brown and blue eyes sleepy grow,
And Nurse downstairs clears up the crumbs,
When God pulls down His blind, and so
What people call the twilight comes,

Then lazy Moon lifts up her arm,
Shakes back her hair and smooths her beams,
And softly over field and farm
Scatters the milk-white seed of dreams.

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