

A Song of Spring.

"Coming, coming, coming!"
The spring's dear voice is heard
From upland, vale and wildwood,
In trill of happy bird.
"Coming, coming, coming!"
She whispers from the hills,
And sings it to the flowers
Asleep by tripping rills.

In haloed grace she cometh
With smiles and frowns to-day,
But wooing golden sunbeams
Kiss all her tears away.
Lo! answering her greeting,
Each with a rainbow'd crown,
In crowds the grasses gather
And hide the meadow's brown.

Soft listening, half-way dreaming,
Their feet and flowers stir;
Impatient of their robing,
Reach loyal trees to her.
The hooded ferns are waking,
The sweet-brier reddens high,
The violet and pansy
As rival comers vie.

The willow's beads are glistening,
A bee on idle wing
His busy time is humming
In welcome to the spring.
And listening, waiting, listening,
For each cadence of her voice,
How every heart with nature
Doth gratefully rejoice.

A Plea for the Little Ones.

Be kind to little children, not alone
to the petted darling at home, but to
the poor, dirty-faced little urchin in
the street. Do not frown upon him
and draw your skirts away, as you
pass by. He may not be a manly,
handsome little fellow like your own
bright-eyed boy at home; he may be a
freckled, red-haired boy, with dirt-
fegrimed hands and face; but the poor
little street waif has just as sensitive a
little heart, beneath his ragged jacket,
as your own boy at home. Then smile
upon him as you pass, and, if you have
time, speak a kindly word. He will
never forget it, but will treasure it in
his heart long after the remembrance
of it has passed from you.

Don't push the affectionate, loving
child from you when she winds her
arms about your neck for fear of
crushed ruffles or disordered hair; if
you do, ten to one the act will never
be forgotten, and the caress never re-
peated. Accept this bouquet of daisies
and dandelions gathered by baby hands
for you? Do not grieve the little ones
by throwing them away. What a con-
tented, happy look passes over the
little, loving face as you take the child's
floral gift with a kindly word and smile.

When Charley comes home from school
so boisterous after his long restraint, and
forgets to wipe his feet, or slam the door,
don't dive at him and box his ears, and
order him out of your sight. Reprove
him, of course, but do it kindly; send
him back to wipe his feet, and then call
him to you, kiss the ruddy cheek, listen
to his petty troubles, to his childish joys.
Sympathize with your boy; be his con-
fident and friend in childhood, and when
a man, he will not withhold his confidence
from you, and great will be your in-
fluence.

Do not neglect your four-year old
Minnie, because little May takes so much
of your time. Do not bestow all the
kisses and caresses upon baby May. Is
there not room enough in your lap for
two? If not, pass your arm about
Minnie and draw her lovingly to your side.

Mrs. Morris loved her little Katie, and
bestowed a wealth of affection upon her.
She was the pet and idol of her mother's
heart, until the coming baby Maud; then
all the petting or caressing was bestowed
upon the new comer, and Katie was set
aside with only an occasional kiss. How
it grieved that baby heart to be thus
completely dethroned where once she
reigned supreme. One day she was
wearily toiling up the stairs when her
mother called, "Is that you, my darling?"
and Katie replied, in a sweet, sad voice,
"No, mamma, it is only me!" She knew
her mother had thought it was baby
Maud. How those pitiful words pierced
the mother's heart, "only me—not your
darling Maud—it is only me!"

In a moment she realized it all—her
seeming indifference to her poor little
Katie, whom she really loved as well as
little Maud, but whom she had so sadly
neglected. She gathered the little crea-
ture in her arms, and kissed over and
over again the sweet, patient face, and
from that day Kate had her share of her
mother's caresses.

Then let us be kind to those little sensi-
tive creatures, with their baby hearts so
susceptible to kindness and loving looks.
Never cause the baby lips to quiver, or
the bright eyes to grow dim with tears,
by an unkind word or look. Be patient
with them; guide their baby footsteps
aright, and He who, when on earth, took
the little ones in his arms, and blessed
them, will reward you.

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