

CHILDHOOD.

Childhood, sweet and sunny childhood, With its careless, thoughtless air, Like the verdant, tangled wildwood, Wants the training hands of care.

See it springing all around us— Glad to know and quick to learn; Asking questions that confound us; Teaching lessons in its turn.

Who loves not its joyous revel, Leaping lightly on the lawn, Up the knoll, along the level, Free and graceful as a fawn!

Let it revel: it is nature's will, Giving to the little dears Strength of limb, and beautiful feature, For the toils of coming years.

He who checks a child with terror, Stops its play, and stills its song, Not alone commits an error, But a great and moral wrong.

Give it play, and never fear it— Active life is no defect; Never, never break its spirit— Curb it only to direct.

Would you dam that flowing river, Thinking it would cease to flow? Onward it must go forward— Better teach it where to go.

Childhood is a fountain welling, Trace its channel in the sand, And its currents, spreading, swelling, Will revive the withered hand.

Childhood is the vernal season; Trim and train the tender shoot; Love is coming reason— As the blossom to the fruit.

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