

Whole Duty of Children

by Robert Louis Stevenson

A child should always say what's true

And speak when he is spoken to.

And behave mannerly at table;

At least as far as he is able.

The Swing

by Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing,

Up in the air so blue?

Oh, I do think it the pleasantest

thing

Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,

Till I can see so wide,

Rivers and trees and cattle and all

Over the countryside -

Till I look down on the garden green.

Down on the roof so brown -

Up in the air I go flying again.

Up in the air and down!

Who Has Seen the Wind?

by Christina Rossetti

Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you.

But when the leaves hang trembling,

The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I:

But when the trees bow down their
heads,

The wind is passing by.

The Frog

by Hillaire Belloc

Be kind and tender to the Frog,

And do not call him names,

As 'Slimy skin', or 'Polly-wog',

Or likewise 'Ugly James'.

Or 'Gape-a-grim', or 'Toad-gone-wrong'.

Or 'Billy Bandy-knees'.

The Frog is justly sensitive

To epithets like these.

No animal will more repay

A treatment kind and fair:

At least so lonely people say

Who keep a frog (and, by the way,

They are extremely rare).