

The Blind Boy's Patience.

I went to see a blind boy. Scarlet fever had settled in his eye. He used to be a sprightly little fellow—upon the run everywhere.

"Well, my dear boy," I said, "this is hard for you is it not?"

He did not answer for a moment, then he said: "I don't know that I ought to say hard; God knows best;" but his lip quivered and a tear stole down his cheek.

"Yes, my child, you have a kind Heavenly Father, who loves you and feels for you even more than your mother does."

"I know it," he said, "and it comforts me."

"I wish Jesus was here to cure Frank," said his little sister.

"Well," said I, "he will open Frank's eyes to see what a good Saviour he is. He will show that a blind heart is worse than blind eyes; and he will cure it and make him see beautiful heavenly things, so that he may sit here quietly and be a thousand times happier than many other children who are running all about."

"I can't help wishing he could see," said Lizzie.

"I dare say; but I hope you don't try to make your brother Frank discontented."

"Frank isn't discontented, he loves God; and love sets everything right, and makes its own sunshine. Does it not, Frank?"

"I don't feel cross now, said the little blind boy meekly. "When I'm alone I pray and sing. God is in the room with me. It feels light and I forget I'm blind."

A sweet light stole over his pale features. It was a heavenly light, I was sure.

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