

WHAT MAKES MEN.

What care I for cold or snow?
School-bell rings, and off I go,
Mother's hand has wrapped me warm
I am ready for the storm,
And my heart is light and gay,
As I trudge along the way!

Mother says—"Learn all you can,
Then you'll make a better man."
So, I pack my books and go,
Through the rain, or wind, or snow,
For I hope some day to be
Just the man she'd like to see!

Well I know that boys must learn
To be ready for each turn:
Never idle, nor afraid;—
By rough struggles men are made!
So, each morning, off I start,
With a merry, willing heart!

Jennie Harrison, in The Shepherd's Arms.

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