

In the Hospital.

WHO came and smiled across my bed?
Who smoothed and brushed my
aching head?

Who was it with a teaspoon fed
And measured out that medicine red?
My night nurse!

With cap and collar and white cuff,
With cocoa in a thin blue cup,
With wafer biscuits just enough,
Neat night nurse!

With clinical thermometer
My temperature to register,
To note each change that might occur,
Wise night nurse!

Who all the room so dainty kept?
Who brushed and shook and wiped and
swept?
And in and out so blithely stepped,
Prompt night nurse!

She brought me every scrap of news
That could be gleaned by window views,
And my requests did ne're refuse.
Bright night nurse!