

### When Daddy Takes the Strap

When Daddy takes the strap, you'd think  
The house had gone asleep,  
And not a one of us dare wink,  
As here and there we peep;  
Each breath is held, each heart beats fast,  
Each vows no more to scrap;  
And all the fun of life seems past  
When Daddy takes the strap.

Oh, when he takes the strap, and vows  
He'll show what he can do;  
And then begins to pace the house  
And range it through and through;  
Then Frances kicks at Jack no more  
And Jack grabs no one's cap;  
While Mamma laughs behind the door  
When Daddy takes the strap.

And then, when Daddy brings it down  
With all his might and main,  
You'd really think his awful frown  
Was causing him a pain.  
He thinks we're frightened when we bawl,  
But we don't care a rap;  
We just pretend, and that is all,  
When Daddy takes the strap.