

CHILD-ANGELS.

A flock of butterflies bright,

That floats and flutters and settles,

Poised on a rose of light,—

With eyes that sparkle and glisten,

Dancing with lovely mirth,

The little child-angels listen

To the echoing chime on earth.

Mothers bereft and lonely
Here is a sight for you.

Are they not singing, as only
Happiest babies do?

While shadows of winter darken
O'er you in your drought and dearth,
The little child-angels listen
And laugh to the bells on earth.