

CHILDREN, BE LIKE THE FLOWERS

Be brave as the little snowdrop
That comes alone in the cold,
And pure as the stainless lilies
With their pensive eyes of gold.

Be bold as the honest sunflower,
That stands so straight on its stalk,
And lowly-wise as the violet,
That hides by the woodland walk.

Be gay as the golden buttercups
That live but a summer's day,
And simple-sweet as the daisies
That grow by the common way.

Be true as the constant heather
That clings to the moorland wide,
And kind as the gentle moss, dears,
That covers the rock's bare side.

And you shall be fair as the roses—
For those who are kind and true,
The brave and pure and lowly-wise,
God makes them beautiful too.

THE BEAR AND THE BRAVE
DOG.

Not a very great many years ago, a little Montana girl, less than two years old, had a baby dog so small that she could carry it in her arms. Both grew up together and were great friends, though the dog grew faster than its mistress. Margie was the little girl's name, and Monte the dog's.

They used to ramble together, and if they were not gone too long, Margie's mother was quite sure that she was safe if Monte was with her. The dog was a Saint Bernard, and grew to be a big fellow, with a noble head and beautiful, friendly eyes. He had some blood of the Russian terrier breed, and this made him quicker and braver than most Saint Bernards.

Margie's father was a miner, and in the warm summer time the family would go to the hills where his mine was and live all together in a nice log cabin. One day, when Margie was old enough to go off alone with the dog, they were having a pleasant stroll in the woods. All at once Monte's ears pricked up, the hairs on his neck stood up straight, and he began to growl. Margie was frightened. She looked around, and not a great way off she saw a big bear com-

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