The spot they chose to loiter at
And seat themselves to chat
Reechoed, or sent back the voice,
But they did not know that.

Says William to his cousin Dick,
"We shall not be found out;"
But Echo heard the naughty boy,
And answered, "Be found out."

"I fear," said Dick to William,
"That some one overhears."
He looked to see, and Echo then
Cried, "Some one over-hears."

"Oh! never mind," said William then;
"Come, do not be afraid;"
So when they both began to play,
Said Echo,—"Be afraid!"

"What can it be," said William
"Oh, let us go to school;"
For he began to be afraid;—
Said Echo,—"Go to school!"

Then, softly whispering, they said "Oh, if our master knows!"
But Echo, hearing every word, Said, softly, "Master knows."