

**MOTHER.**—

Take these cakes, my daughter dearest  
With this cream and summer flowers  
Joy is her's when thou appearest  
Cheerer of her lonely hours.

**RIDING HOOD.**—Yes ! hasten, &c.

(Together.)

There { I shall,  
          { thou wilt. } pass, &c.

(Exit mother into cottage.)

**RED RIDING HOOD.**—When hungry wolves their lair had made,  
Beneath the thickets tangled shade,  
I trembled every limb with fear—  
Whene'er I pass'd that wood so drear,  
But now the hunters noble trade,  
Has cheered us with his timely aid ;  
And glittering 'neath the sunny sky,  
Our village boasts prosperity.

(Enter mother with basket containing bottle &c.)

**MOTHER.**—

To the cottage in the valley, &c.

**RED RIDING HOOD.**—

(During which, enter Wolf at back—unseen by R. R. H. or Mother)

Yes ! I hasten, &c.

**R. R. H. and MOTHER.**—

There { I shall,  
          { thou shalt. } pass, &c.

(and while R. R. H. and mother sing the above, the wolf sings.)

(Aside.)

What do I see ? a maiden fair—  
A tender morsel should be there—  
Those eyes so bright ! how soft her hair !  
Oh may I have her flesh to tear.

(Mother puts on Red R. Hood cloak for her.)

**WOLF.**—(aside.)

Yes, Yes, I see, a maiden fair  
Oh may I have her flesh to tear,  
But first to rid me of the dame  
Then counterfeit love's wasting flame.

**R. R. H. and MOTHER.**

To the cottage in the valley,

I will, } go my, { mother } dear.  
Thou wilt. } { daughter }

(Wolf rushes forward and plucks mother by the skirt wh  
screams, and Exit—while R. R. H. screams, runs to right hand  
and kneels.)