

## "TALK TO YOU DO WHEN YOU LAUGH."

A baby of three years once preached me a sermon, and I pass it on for the benefit of other downcast and despondent ones who need to learn to "rejoice evermore."

"How is the baby?" I asked drearily, standing at the foot of the staircase leading up to a chamber where the little one lay ill. I was tired, unhelpful; my mood came out in my tone.

"Peak like you do when you laugh," called the weak little voice upstairs; and if I ever felt rebuked by an angel, that was the moment. It has come up to me a hundred times since; I hope I am the brighter and cheerier for it.

"Speak like you do when you laugh." That means sparkle and gladness and good-will. Those fretful lines at the mouth- corners don't come from laughing. The weary ones around the eyes have another origin. But the plainest outward sign of despondency is that in the tone. The sick feel it; that is why "visitors are forbidden." Little Children are infallible weather prophets; they will not "take to" you. And you and I—just common working men and women, neither sick nor young nor old, but busy and often tired—we love—yes, that is the word—we love the bright, loving laughing, happy voice. "Speaking like you do when you laugh."—*Anon.*

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