

Children's Department.

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep.

Golden head so lowly bending,
Little feet so white and bare;
Dewy eyes, half shut, half opened,
Lips out her evening prayer.

Well she knows when she is saying—
"Now I lay me down to sleep"—
Tis to God that she is praying;
Praying Him her soul to keep.

Half asleep, and murmuring faintly—
"If I should die before I wake"—
Tiny fingers clasped so saintly—
"I pray the Lord my soul to keep."

Oh, the rapture, sweet, unbroken,
Of the soul who wrote that prayer;
Children's myriad voices floating
Up to Heaven, record it there.

If of all that has been written
I could choose what might be mine,
It should be that child's petition
Rising to the throne Divine.

From Trouble to Trouble.

"God helps us out of one trouble into another," says Hasencamp, "until we come to leave all with Him." The truth of this crisp saying we at once recognize. Much of our cry for deliverance from trouble is childish. We decline to learn the lesson it is meant to bring, and so the great Teacher takes it away. But another trouble comes in its stead; for the lesson must be learned. Just because we are going to school to divine love, there can be no remission of that requirement of the school. A boy bumbles and grumbles over his first example in the rule of three. The utmost release the teacher can give him is to substitute another example for the one he has failed to solve. So with our troubles. We "shift the place, but keep the pain," by our unwillingness to learn God's meaning in them. But the hardness there is in God's love

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