

APPENDIX

Concerning of a lovely child,
Who was obedient, sweet, and mild.

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This child did take his learning so,
If you the truth of all would know,
At eleven years of age indeed,
Both Greek and Latin he could read.

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Then thinking of his cabinet,
That was with pearls and jewels set,
He asked his father for the key,
Which he gave him right speedily ;

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And when he did the same unlock,
He was with great amazement struck
When he the riches did behold,
And likewise saw the chain of gold.

5

But searching farther he did find
A paper which disturbed his mind,
That was within the cabinet,
In Greek and Latin it was writ.

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*My child, serve God that is on high,
And pray to him incessantly ;
Obey your parent, love your king,
That nothing may your conscience sting.*

7

*At seven years hence your fate will be,
You must be hanged upon a tree ;
Then pray to God both night and day,
To let that hour pass away.*

8

When he these woeful lines did read,
He with a sigh did say indeed,
" If hanging be my destiny,
My parents shall not see me die ;

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" For I will wander to and fro,
I'll go where I no one do know ;
But first I'll ask my parents' leave,
In hopes their blessing to receive."