

Their Hearts' Desire

touch, only, he did wish he knew what it was she liked to climb. He feared it was a common cross-barred fence but he hoped, oh, *how* he hoped it was a tree!

Longing for a chance to continue the conversation, he waited near, but as soon as the ribbons were tied, William Gordon's mother came in, followed very shortly by other mothers, so her attention was quite taken up with grown folks, while the grown folks' respective offspring went up-stairs to don hats and coats.

John wished there was some one to come and claim him right before them all—of course he knew Jane would be waiting up-stairs—but some one in soft furs and a feathery hat. Jane never wore furs, and her hats were always stiff and depressingly even all round. No one else would come for him, of course, and there was no use waiting about, so he went with his host to make a final raid on the dining table for candy.