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## THE BAREFOOT BOY.

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**B**LESSINGS on thee, little man,  
Barefoot boy with  
cheek of tan!  
With thy turned-up  
pantaloons,  
And thy merry whis-  
tled tunes;  
With thy red lips red-  
der still,  
Kissed by raspberries  
on the hill;  
With the sunshine on  
thy face,  
Through thy torn  
brim's jaunty grace.  
From my heart I give  
thee joy,—  
I was once a barefoot  
boy!

Let the million-dollar-  
ed ride!  
Barefoot, trudging at  
his side,  
Thou hast more than  
he can buy  
In the reach of ear and  
eye—



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