

"It was the English," Kaspar cried,
 "Who put the French to rout ;
 But what they fought each other for
 I could not well make out.
 But everybody said," quoth he,
 "That 'twas a famous victory."

My father lived in Blenheim then,
 Yon little stream hard by ;
 They burnt his dwelling to the ground,
 And he was forced to fly :
 So with his wife and child he fled,
 Nor had he where to rest his head.

They say it was a shocking sight
 After the field was won ;
 For many thousand bodies there
 Lay rotting in the sun ;
 But things like that, you know, must be
 After a famous victory.

"Great praise the Duke of Marlboro won ;
 And our good Prince Eugene ;"
 "Why 'twas a very wicked thing !" ;
 Said little Wilhelm ;
 "Nay—nay—my little girl," quoth he,
 "It was a famous victory."

"And every body praised the Duke
 Who this great fight did win."
 "But what good came of it at last ?"
 "Quoth little Peterkin :—
 "Why that I cannot tell," said he,
 "But 'twas a famous victory."

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