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GERALD AND HIS BOOK.

YES; when I'm tired at close of
day,
And mother makes me stop
my play,
'Tis then I find a cosy nook
And con my lovely picture-book.

I cannot read the words at all
Because I am so very small,
But all the cows and ships and things,
And big great fish, and birds with wings,
Are my own special private pets,
The kind of friends one ne'er forgets.