

THE FIRST SNOW.

"Hurrah for the snow!" shouts a merry boy,
 "Hurrah for the snow, I say!
 To-morrow I'll be on the hill with my sled
 For 'twill be a glorious day."

"Snow so soon!" sighed a shivering child,
 As homeward he quickly sped.
 No blazing fire awaits him there,
 No nourishing supper, no bed.

To one the snow brought joy untold,
 As well fed and warmly clad,
 To the other 'twas misery and great pain,
 For nothing of comfort he had.

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Next to the sunlight of heaven is the cheerful face. There is no mistaking it—the bright eye, the unclouded brow, the sunny smile, all tell of that which dwells within. Who has not felt its electrifying influence? One glance at this face lifts us out of the mists and shadows into the beautiful realm of hope. One cheerful face in the household will keep everything warm and light within. It may be a very plain face, but there is something in it we feel, yet cannot express; and its cheery smile sends the blood dancing through the veins for very joy. Ah, there is a world of magic in the plain, cheerful face, and we would not exchange it for all the soulless beauty that ever graced the fairest form on earth.

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