

Childhood.

If childhood were not in the world,
But only men and women grown;
No baby locks in tendrils curled,
No baby blossoms blown;

Though men were stronger, women fairer,
And nearer all delights in reach,
And verse and music uttered rarer
Tones of a godlike speech;

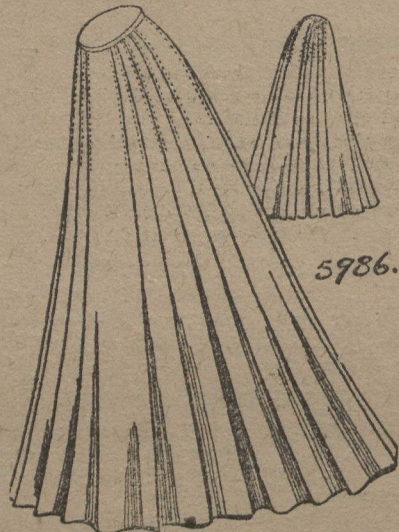
Though the utmost life of life's best hours
Found, as it can not now find, words;
Though desert sands were sweet as flowers,
And flowers could sing like birds.

But children never heard them, never
They felt a child's foot leap and run,
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Yet looked upon the sun.

—Algernon Swinburne.

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