

PROSERPINA

Once upon a time, long ago, there lived a goddess whose name was Ceres. She loved all the plants and grains, and cared for them.

Ceres had a dear little girl named Proserpina. She loved her dearly, and would not let her go into the fields alone.

One day Ceres said to Proserpina: "Dear child, some of my poor plants are thirsty. The ground is very dry, and they cannot get any water. I must go to see what I can do for them. While I am gone you may go to the seashore and play with the sea nymphs."

Ceres put on her bonnet of red poppies. She



CERES