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How I love to stand and gaze At the sort of wintry haze, As I cross the frozen field; And to think that from its yield Such good things we'll have to eat, All this winter while the sleet, Rattles on the window pane, Frosting it all up again. But you bet it's lots of fun, Peeking through it at the sun; When it gets up good and high, And the clouds all leave the sky; Thought I heard somebody shout: "Billie, ain't you coming out?"

When at night we gather near Father's chair and mother dear; Now my eyes fill for I know That those days of long ago, Are beyond on boyhood's shore, And to me they'll never more, Enter in my life, but creep In my dreams whene'er I sleep. When the wind blows from the west And those memories with me rest, Then the sun sets in my heart; And I wake up with a start When I hear my school mates shout:, "Billie, ain't you coming out?"



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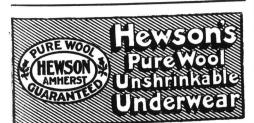
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