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Are All the Children In?

I think ofttimes as the night draws

Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossomstarred

Where we children roamed at will:

And when the night at last came down,

Hushing the merry din, Mother would look around and ask.

"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then.

And the old house on the hill No longer echoes to childish feet, And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all as the shadows creep.

And though many years have been

Even now, I can hear my mother ask.

"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when shadows fall On the last short earthly day, When we say goodbye to the world outside,

All tired with childish play; When we step out into that Other Land

Where Mother so long has been, Will we hear her ask, as she did of old,

"Are all the children in?"

There was a young theologian named Fiddle,

Who refused to accept his degree:

It was hard growing up being called Fiddle,

Let alone Fiddle, D.D.

No one is fooled when you try to make him think that you have more than you have, know more than you know, are more than you are. This is one of the most pitiful gestures a young person can make. Avoid it. Be yourself. Someone is sure to like you for what you really are, and everyone will respect your lack of pretense.

NO POWER ON EARTH NOR UNDER THE EARTH CAN MAKE A MAN DO WRONG WITHOUT HIS OWN CONSENT.

In Days Gone By

On Aug. 22, 1775, England's King George proclaimed the American colonies in a styte of open rebellion.

On Aug. 24, 1814, British soldiers burned the Capitol and the White House.

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people just like me.

It will be friendly if I am,

It will do a great work if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous.

It will bring others into fellowship if I bring them.

Its seats will be filled if I fill them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of

being.

All these things I want my church to be.



I Am One

I am only one,
But I am one:
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.

What I can do,
I ought to do;
And what I ought to do,
By God's grace, I will.

Wives, try giving your husbands a piece of your heart before you give him a piece of your mind. It works better!

NOTHING CAN HOLD LIQUOR AS WELL AS A BOTTLE—SO WHY NOT LEAVE IT THERE?

GOD WANTED THEM THERE

Joseph was a stranger in the vile land of Egypt,

But God wanted him there to save the people.

Esther was a queen in a land that hated the Jews,

But God wanted her there to save her people.

Daniel was jailed in a den of vicious lions,

But God wanted him there for a testimony.

Jonah groaned in a watery grave inside a fish,

But God wanted him there to learn a lesson.

Paul and Silas lay in a prison,

But Ged wanted them there to lead a soul to

Christ, Peter, too, lay in prison,

But God wanted him there to show His power

in answering prayer.

John was isolated on a lonely rock island, But God wanted him there to show him Christ's Revelation.

Why does Christ have you where you are this moment?

PLEASE, DADDY, PLEASE!

A little girl with shining eyes, Her upturned face aglow, Said, "Daddy, it's almost time For Sunday School, you know.

Let's go and hear of Jesus' love, Of how He died for all, To take them to His home above Who on His name will call."

"Oh, no," said Daddy, "not today, I've worked hard all week; And I must have one day of rest, I'm going to the creek.

There I can relax and rest And fishing's fine they say; So run along; don't bother me, We'll go another day."

Months and years have passed away, But Daddy hears that plea no more— "Let's go to Sunday School..." Those childish days are o'er.

And now that Daddy's growing old, And life is almost through, He finds some time to go to church, But what does daughter do?

She says, "Oh, Daddy, not today, Was out almost all night; I've got to get a little sleep; Besides, I look a fright."

Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand To brush away the tears; Again he hears that pleading voice, Distinctly through the years.

He sees a small girl's upturned face, Upturned with eyes aglew, Saying, "It's time for Sunday School, Please, Baddy, won't you go?"

ALCOHOL makes a man colorful: it gives him: a RED nose, a WHITE liver, a YELLOW streak, and a BLUE outlook.

A QUART OF RED OIL

Young lady: "Hurry up, please, and give me a quart of red oil."

Service station attendant: "A quart of red oil?"

Young lady; "Yes, of course. Can't you see my tail light has gone out?"

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MOST PEOPLE'S RELIGION IS SECONDARY

The results of a Gallop Poll revealed this sad truth: "There is very little difference in the behaviour of those who go to church and those who don't."

The poll covered a wide range of items including cheating, lying and stealing. The conclusion of the poll was this: "Most people's religion is secondary." How sad.

On a national news report it was stated that in time of trouble people turn to religion, but, when the trouble is over, they forget it. It was also noted that it was always good for a politician to call for prayer since it "sets well with most people."

How sad that a person or a nation would attempt to use God like a spare tire. The only prayers that God hears are from those who love Him and follow Him in righteous living day by day. The Scripture says, "...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." It would be well to know these Scriptures also: Psalms 34:15-17 - "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil. Ithe righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

The only hope that our nation has rests with those people who walk with Him. God cannot bless a nation filled with drunks, gamblers, pornographers, abortionists, drug addicts, etc. How thankful we are for all the Godly people who pray for our nation and armed forces during wars and pandemics. Remember this verse: Proverbs 14:34 - "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Remember also that the righteousness we need and can have comes through the Lord Jesus Christ when we repent and receive Him as our Saviour. We are told in II Corinthians 5:21, "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

If all you have is "religion", you have nothing and God cannot answer your prayers. But, if you have Christ as your Saviour, your prayers will be heard and answered and Heaven will be your home someday!