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A LITTLE girl lived in a  
very large city,  
In a house that was big, that  
was fine, that was high ;  
(I always have thought it a very  
great pity  
That we cannot teach children  
in London to fly,  
For the stairs are as winding  
and long as my ditty,  
And the nursery's always the  
nearest the sky).  
But this little girl Jessie had  
lungs rather stronger  
Than most little girls, for, to  
people's surprise,  
She was able to cry so much  
louder and longer  
Than any small child of her age  
or her size.



In Kensington Gardens my Jessie went walking,  
With Nurse, and the baby, and Bessie the maid ;  
They chatter'd like magpies, but what they were talking  
They knew very little, I'm sadly afraid.

I know this, as the Nurse was conversing with Bessie,  
They forgot so entirely about their young charge,  
That, seizing the chance, off went little Miss Jessie,  
Upon finding herself  
like a wild beast  
at large.

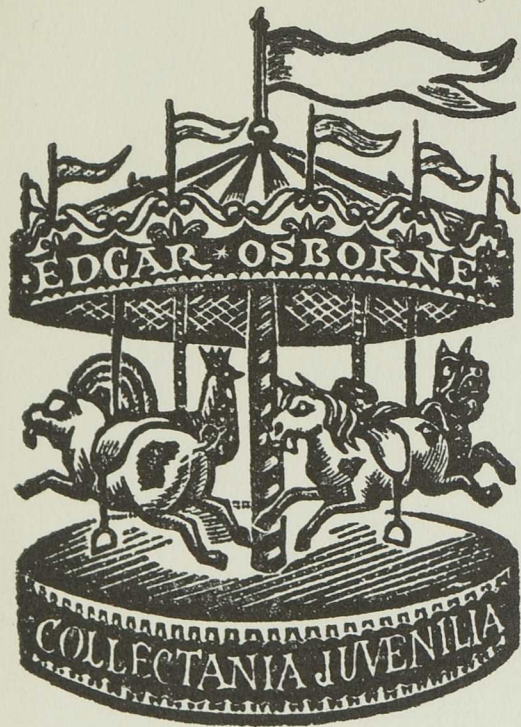








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She ran very quickly, between  
the trees winding,  
As far from the Nurses as ever  
she could,  
And she thought to herself, but  
without at all minding,  
“Now I shall be lost, like the  
Babes in the Wood.”









Just then she fell down on  
some very hard gravel,  
And wounded her hand, and her elbow  
much worse,  
And began to have doubts as to whether  
her travel  
Was pleasant without either Bessie or  
Nurse.







The Park-keeper saw her, and then  
she grew paler ;  
He thought she was frightened be-  
cause she was lost ;  
She thought with his thick stick  
he meant to assail her,  
For a Park-keeper 's really as bad  
as a ghost.







The Park-keeper led her quite kindly, and brought her  
To his lodge, and there gave her a raspberry-drop ;  
But in spite of all that he could do, and his daughter,  
She cried as if never intending to stop.

In vain did the Keeper to soothe her endeavour,  
In vain did his daughters all give her a kiss ;  
Her sobs became louder—they all said, “ I never  
In all my life—*never* heard  
crying like this ! ”













A gentleman, taking a walk with a lady,  
Was strolling on slowly, enjoying the  
view,

The grass all so green, and the path-  
way so shady,

When they heard a peculiar noise  
that they knew.

It was made up of sobs, and of calling  
for Bessie,

And of crying, the loudest you ever  
did hear;

And the lady exclaimed, "That can  
never be Jessie!

It is so like her crying—we'll go and  
see, dear."





Oh yes, it was Jessie, their own  
little daughter,  
But how she got *there*, there  
was no one to say ;  
And thus having found her, be-  
fore they had sought her,  
They forgot quite to scold  
her for running away.





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