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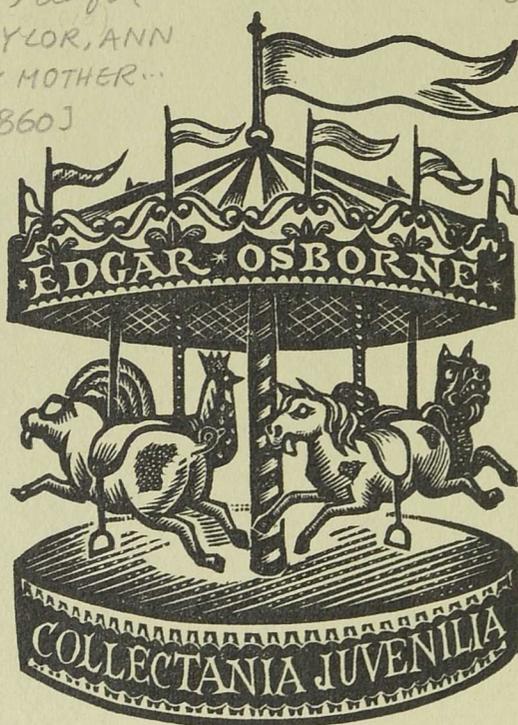
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A POEM,

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HERE'S a book, dear children,
Which, as you may know,
Many read before you,
Many years ago.

But while there are children,
Loving mothers too,
Such a book as this is,
Always must be new.

Take it then, dear children,
That you may be taught,
Each to love your parents,
As you surely ought.



Who fed me from her gentle breast,
And hush'd me in her arms to rest,
And on my cheek sweet kisses prest?
My Mother.



When sleep forsook my open eye
Who was it sung sweet lullaby,
And soothed me that I should not cry?
My Mother.



Who sat and watch'd my infant head,
When sleeping on my cradle bed;
And tears of sweet affection shed?

My Mother.



When pain and sickness made me cry,
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,
And wept for fear that I should die ?

My Mother.



Who loved to see me pleased and gay,
And taught me sweetly how to play,
And minded all I had to say?

My Mother.



Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?

My Mother.



Who taught my infant heart to pray,
And love God's holy book and day;
And taught me Wisdom's pleasant way?
My Mother.



And can I ever cease to be
Affectionate and kind to thee,
Who wert so very kind to me,—

My Mother?



Ah, no! the thought I cannot bear;
And if God please my life to spare,
I hope I shall reward thy care,
My Mother.



When thou art feeble, old, and grey,
My healthy arm shall be thy stay ;
And I will soothe thy pains away,
My Mother.



And when I see thee hang thy head,
'Twill be my turn to watch thy bed;
And tears of sweet affection shed,
My Mother.



For God, who lives above the skies,
Would look with vengeance in his eyes,
If I should ever dare despise
My Mother.



THE MOTHER'S REPLY.

YES, I have toiled and laboured hard,
Thy youthful steps from wrong to guard,
And sweet has been my soul's reward,

My Daughter.

For I have noted, day by day,
Each word thy infant voice could say,
Till I had taught thy lips to pray,

My Daughter.

And God hath blessed me bounteously,
And in his mercy granted me,
A loving thankful child in thee,

My Daughter.

Thy love hath been my best relief,
In days of toil, and nights of grief,
Of all my blessings thou 'rt the chief,

My Daughter.

And whensoever shall come the day,
That I am called from earth away,
And no more lovingly can say,

“ My Daughter ”—

How sweet will the reflection be,
“ When she was here, she said to me,
My love has been repaid by thee,

My Daughter.”

And bow thee then, to God's good will,
And think, through ev'ry grief and ill,
Thou hast a heavenly helper still,

My Daughter.

Who like a brother sticketh fast,
Who 'll guard thee well till life is past,
Who 'll lead thee home to me at last,

My Daughter.

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