

Good and Bad Children

Lesson

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Initiation : brittle, walk, quiet, remain, innocent, grassy, kings, unkind, hope, different, crying, increases, nieces

Children, you are very little,
And your bones are very brittle.
If you would grow great and stately
You must try to walk sedately.

You must still be bright and quiet,
And control with a simple diet.
And remain, through all bewildering
Innocent and honest children.

Happy hearts and happy faces,
Happy play in grassy places.
That was how in ancient ages,
Children grew to kings and sages.

But the unkind and unruly,
And the sort who eat unduly.
They must never hope for glory,
Theirs is quite a different story!

Cruel children, crying babies,
All grow up as geese and gabies
Hated, as their age increases,
By their nephews and their nieces.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

