

## Poetry.

## "HE BIDS YOU COME."

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—MATT. 11: 28.

HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come thou hungry soul, to me;  
I the bread of life will give you—  
Sinner! Jesus speaks to thee.  
He bids you come; make no delay;  
'Tis Jesus calls; then come to-day.

HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou thirsty soul, to me;  
I will give you living water—  
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"Come, thou burdened soul, to me;  
I will take your burden from you—  
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HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou weeping soul, to me;  
I will comfort, I will cheer you—  
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HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou weary soul, to me;  
I will rest thee, I will give you—  
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HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou sinner, to me;  
I will cleanse you from all unrighteousness—  
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HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou lonely soul, to me;  
I will be a Father to the fatherless, and a Father to the widow—  
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HEAR the voice of Jesus calling—  
"Come, thou sorrowful soul, to me;  
I will comfort thee, I will wipe away all thy tears—  
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"Come, thou doubting soul, to me;  
I will give thee peace, I will give thee—  
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I will give thee faith, I will give thee—  
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to them. They would get whipped if they didn't, I suppose."

"I dare say they would. She will make them as deceitful as can be. But I don't want you to associate with that Harris girl at all. She's a great story-teller, and a very naughty girl."

"I never do in the world, only she happened to tell me this one day when we were both going along together; I can't help speaking to her when she does to me, you know, ma'am."

"No, I suppose not, but always avoid her when you can."

"I do ma'am; I often go across the road to keep from meeting her."

The truth was, Ellen went for Louisa Harris to go with her on all her long errands, if she thought she could possibly do so and not have Mrs. Miller know it. As a general rule, all her statements would come much nearer the truth if they were exactly reversed. And thus the habit of lying was taught until the very foundation of truthfulness in the child's heart was overthrown. The interest her mistress took in hearing an evil report of her neighbor, had done the mischief. She had cultivated a habit of mind which would be almost sure to lead Ellen down to eternal death. "All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone." It is indeed a miracle of grace when such a heart is converted. Oh, could that lady stand up and pronounce her hands guiltless of the loss of that poor child's soul! Would not God require it at her hands? We all need to double our circumspection in our dealings with children, that we be not guilty of this fearful sin of teaching lying, either by direct or indirect example.—*Mother's Journal.*

My FIRST LESSON.—In my earliest years my dearest playmate was little Henry G., of a neighboring family, a sweet child less than three years old. I loved him dearly, and his sisters often committed him to my charge in our plays.

But little Henry was taken sick. For two weeks he lay on his little bed, while I almost hourly crept softly into the room, growing sadder every day to see the dear sufferer unable even to smile. One morning when I rose I went to my mother, and repeated my daily question, "How is little Henry?" With a sad tenderness of voice, and yet with a smile, I still remember, she said "Little Henry is well, my dear."

"Is he, mamma?" said I, with a brightened face. "May I go up and see him?"

"Yes, dear, when you have taken your breakfast."

At last my mother took my hand and led me to his room.

She drew me to the place where his crib was covered with a white sheet, and turning it down, lifted me to look on the small form lying there cold and still. I can feel even now the thrill which trembled through my young heart as she said, "See, dear, little Henry is well!"

"O, mamma, he is dead!" and I laid my head on her shoulder and sobbed aloud. We sat there alone in my first grief, and my dear mother, in low, sweet tones, told me how Christ had called the little one "blessed," how He said, "Thy angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." She told me of the flower-seed, planted in the garden to die, and rise again to life and beauty. And thus, she said, would little Henry lie in the grave till the resurrection morn, when he would be once more alive, sweeter, prettier than ever, lovelier than the loveliest flower, and would never die again. "So, darling, little Henry is well, is he not? His soul is with Jesus, and his body will sleep only till Jesus comes again."

For many years when I heard of one who had died, for my first thought and my first question were, "Is he well?"—*Messenger.*

Too POOR.—Brother Moore of the *Rural New Yorker*, was sitting in his office one afternoon some years ago, when a former friend came in and said, "Friend Moore, I like your paper, but times are so hard I cannot pay for it."

"Is that so friend Jones? I'm very sorry to hear that you are so poor; and if you are so hard run I will give you my paper."