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WRITERS FORUMS CHILDREN

# WRITERS FORUM

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Happy Children's Day! Except for a few of us old codgers, and a few rural churches, the observance of Children's Day is a lost ball in a barage of other activities. However the date still appears on Sunday School Director's Calendars, and, publishers still publish literature for this Red Letter Day. So, it is appropriate for us, at this time, to take a bow for our children, say and do something special for them.

Children's Day was started by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1868.

The poem I have selected is not dedicated to children, but rather, it is dedicated to parents and friends of Children who are anxious now for them to hurry and grow up get out of the way.

They are left alone in the dear home after so many years.

When the house was full of frolic and fun

They are left alone, they two once more

Beginning life over again,

Just as they did in the days of yore.

Before they were nine or ten.

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And the table is set for two these days,

The children went one day one

Away from home on their separate ways!

And mother for weeping can hardly see

To set the table for two

They used to gather around the fire

While someone would read aloud

But whether at study or work or play

'Twas a loving and merry crowd

And now they are two that gather there

At evening to read or sew,

And it seems almost too much to bear

When they think of long ago.

Ah, well-ah, well, 'tis the way of the world

Children stay but a little while

And then into other scenes are whirled where other

homes beguile,

But it matters not how far they roam

Their hearts are fond and true

And there's never a home like the dear old

home

Where the table is set for two.

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