

APPLE BLOSSOM.

Apple Blossom sat in a tree,  
Out of a little green bud came she.

Her dress was made of pink and white,  
Cut in five petals, so soft and light;

And over this, a coat of green,  
Cut in five sepals, might be seen.

She took her hood from a bright green cup,  
That the tree, each day, with sap filled up.

Her lap was full of stamens of gold,  
Just as many as she could hold.

Her friends were the wind, the sun and the bee,  
And the robin, who had a nest in the tree.

Each morning, robin would sing her a song,  
And she was happy all day long.

Down in the grass, one bright spring day,  
Apple Blossom came to play.

On the branch of the tree, she left her green cup,  
But when she was down, she could not get up.

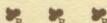
And what do you think, but after that,  
The cup grew pretty, rosy and fat.

And so it came, one day in the fall,  
Little Jack sat by the old stone wall.

He held in his hand an apple red,  
From a branch of the tree just overhead.

"How pretty you are!" said little Jack,  
"I'm glad that the blossom did not come back."

—Selected.



What is another name for her "pink and white dress"? (Corolla.) For her "coat of green"? (Calyx.) Of what use were her "stamens of gold"? Why did she leave the tree?

Tell the story in your own words:

- (a) Apple Blossom's home, dress and food.
- (b) Her friends.
- (c) Leaving the tree.
- (d) Little Jack and the red apple.