

Kindergarten Poetry Selections

1. DEAR GOD
Dear God, I've had a happy day;
I tried to do my best.
And now I thank You for the night
When children all can rest.
2. THE WHOLE DUTY OF CHILDREN
by Robert Louis Stevenson
A child should always say what's true,
And speak when he is spoken to,
And behave mannerly at the table;
At least as far as he is able.
3. THE GOLDEN RULE
Children, do you love each other?
Are you always kind and true?
Do you always do to others
As you'd have them do to you?
4. THE SUNBEAM
See that little sunbeam
Darting through the room.
Lighting up the darkness,
Scattering the gloom.

Let me be a sunbeam
Everywhere I go,
Making glad and happy
Everyone I know.
5. THE OLDEST MAN EVER
by Emily Hunter
If Methuselah had a birthday cake,
How many candles would it take?

'Twould take nine hundred and sixty-nine,
For Methuselah lived a LONG...
LONG...
TIME!
6. PEAS
Anonymous
I eat my peas with honey,
I've done it all my life.
It makes the peas taste funny,
Keeps them on my knife.
7. TWO IN BED
by A.B. Ross
When my brother Tommy
Sleeps in bed with me,
He doubles up
And makes
 himself
 exactly
 like
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And 'cause the bed is not so wide,
A part of him is on my side.
8. THE BIRTHDAY CHILD
by Rose Fyleman
Everything's been different
All the day long,
Lovely things have happened,
Nothing has gone wrong.

Nobody has scolded me,
Everyone has smiled.
Isn't it delicious
To be a birthday child?
9. OLD MAN WITH A BEARD
by Edward Lear
There was an Old Man with a beard
Who said, "It is just as I feared!
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have built their nests in my beard!"
10. THE PURPLE COW
by Gelett Burgess
I never saw a Purple Cow,
I never hope to see one,
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one.
11. I'M GLAD
Anonymous
I'm glad the sky is painted blue,
And the earth is painted green,
With such a lot of nice fresh air
All sandwiched in between.

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12. SAY YOU ARE SORRY

by Emily Hunter

Quick, Quick!

The sun goeth down!

Away with your anger!

Off with your frown!

Say you are sorry

Before you part,

So you'll go to bed

With a merry heart.

13. WHENEVER I SEE A CLOUD

by Emily Hunter

Whenever I see a cloud, I say,

"Is Jesus coming to earth today?"

A cloud took Jesus up and away.

A cloud will bring Him back someday!

14. EVERYBODY SAYS

by Dorothy Aldis

Everybody says

I look just like my mother.

Everybody says

I'm the image of Aunt Bee.

Everybody says

My nose is like my father's,

But I want to look like **me**.

15. MY GIFT

by Christina Rossetti

What can I give Him

Poor as I am,

If I were a shepherd,

I would give a lamb.

If I were a wise man,

I would do my part.

But what can I give Him?

I will give my heart.

16. A BUG

by Aileen Fisher

I saw a bug,

with twenty feet

Go crawling up

and down the street,

And wondered if

he stubbed ONE toe

If he would really know.

17. IF I WERE A CLOWN

Author Unknown

If I were a clown

For just one day

I'd make up my face

In the funniest way.

A nose like a hose

Eyebrows of green,

And the biggest smile

You've ever seen.

18. SHALL I SING

by Kate Greenaway

"Shall I sing?" says the Lark,

"Shall I bloom?" says the Flower:

"Shall I come?" says the Sun,

"Or shall I?" says the Shower.

Sing your song, pretty bird

Roses, bloom for an hour,

Shine on, dearest sun,

Go away, naughty Shower!

19. CLOUDS

by Dorothy Aldis

If I had a spoon

As tall as the sky

I'd dish out the clouds

That go slip-sliding by.

I'd take them right in

And give them to cook

And see if they tasted

As good as they look.

20. I HAD A LITTLE PONY

Mother Goose

I had a little pony,

His name was Dapple-Gray,

I lent him to a lady,

To ride a mile away.

She whipped him, she lashed him.

She rode him through the mire;

I would not lend my pony now

For all the lady's hire.

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21. FIREFLY

by Elizabeth Madox Roberts

A little light is going by,
Is going up to see the sky,
A little light with wings.

I never could have thought of it,
To have a little bug all lit
And made to go on wings.

22. SCHOOL IS OVER

by Kale Greenway

School is over,
Oh, what fun!
Lessons finished,
Play begun.
Who'll run fastest,
You or I?
Who'll laugh loudest?
Let us try.

23. THE NORTH WIND DOTH BLOW

by Mother Goose

The North Wind doth blow
And we shall have snow,
And what will Robin do then,
Poor thing?

He will sit in the barn.
To keep himself warm.
And hide his head under his wing,
Poor thing!

24. SINGING

by Dorothy Aldis

Little birds sing with their beaks
In the apple trees;
But crickets in the grass
Are singing with their knees.

25. ONLY MY OPINION

by Monica Shannon

Is the caterpillar ticklish?
Well, it's only my belief
That he giggles, as he wiggles
Across a hairy leaf.

26. THE PEOPLE

by Elizabeth Madox Roberts

The ants are walking under the ground.
And the pigeons are flying on the steeple.
And in between are the people.

27. LIGHTNING BUG

Anonymous

I envy you, oh lightning bug,
You worry not a bit,
For when you see a traffic cop
You know your taillight's lit.

28. BUT THEN

Author Unknown

A tooth fell out
and left a space
so big my tongue
can touch my face
And every time
I smile, I show
a place where something
used to grow.
I miss my tooth
as you may guess
but then - I have to
brush one less!

29. THE TOOTH

by Lee Bennetl Napkins

I jiggled it
joggled it
jerked it.
I pushed
and pulled
and poked it.
But
As soon as I stopped, and left it alone
This tooth came out on its **very own**.

30. RAIN

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The rain is raining all around,
It falls on field and tree,
It rains on the umbrellas here,
And on the ships at sea.