

to an end the listeners applauded. The doctor continued with his examination. The boy was suffering greatly as shown by the wincing of his body but soon he sang again. The nurses and attendants who heard the sweet child's voice gathered to hear the song. Through all the pains and sufferings from the examination, the boy's voice never faltered.

"At last the doctor was through with the examination and he announced, 'Little man, I can't find any broken bones in you. You will soon be all right.'

"To this the boy answered, 'I guess it was the singing that saved me. I always sing when I feel bad.'"

"How courageous!" admired Ben when the doctor was through.

"Yes, it was the boy's courage that saved him and it is your courage and cheerfulness that will help us," explained Ben's doctor.

"If that boy can sing in spite of his pains, then I can be cheerful and patiently wait until I can at last enjoy the out-of-doors with Mother and my friends," said Ben as a new light sparkled in his eyes.

"That is the boy and if you will do as you say, then your stay in bed will be shorter," encouraged the doctor.

"How delightful! I think your story has helped me much. I am already feeling better."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1. How did Ben feel before the doctor's story was told?
2. Why did the boy in the doctor's story sing?
3. What effect had the story on Ben's attitude?



FAIR FILIPINAS

'Neath the skies bright cerulean hue,

Rose our fair native land;

With people ever brave and true,

Ever active to fight the foe.

Rare pearls in here we find,

Nestled beneath the deep blue sea.

On sunny spots and luxuriant lea

Busy workers, we everyday see.

Filipinas fair! Proud must you be

For you're rich in Nature's bounty:

Richer still in dutiful men,

You can compare with any land.

ELISA MARQUEZ

KEY TO ANSWERS

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(a)

1. The sky suddenly darkened.
2. In torrents
3. I took my hat and raincoat and put on my rubber boots.
4. It beat upon me.
5. I splashed about in the water; I shouted with great glee.

(b) 1; 3; 6; 7; 9.