

POEMS**WHAT CAN A LITTLE
CHAP DO?**

WHAT can a little chap do
For his country and for you?
What can a little chap do?

He can play a straight game all through;
That's one good thing he can do.

He can fight like a Knight
For the Truth and the Right;
That's another good thing he can do.

He can shun all that's mean,
He can keep himself clean,
Both without and within;
That's a very fine thing he can do.

His soul he can brace
Against everything base,
And the trace will be seen
All his life in his face;
That's an excellent thing he can do.

He can look to the Light,
He can keep his thought white,
He can fight the great fight,
He can do with his might
What is good in God's sight,
Those are truly great things he can do.

Though his years be but few,
If he keep himself true
He can march in the queue

Of the Good and the Great,
Who battled with fate
And won through;
That's a wonderful thing he can do.

And in each little thing
He can follow the King;
Yes, in each smallest thing
He can follow the King,
He can follow Christ, the King.

—*John Oxenham*

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I'D LIKE TO BE A PIRATE

I'D LIKE to be a pirate chief
And sail the seven seas.
Instead of doing 'rithmetic,
I'd do anything I'd please.

I'd like to have my galleon
Just loaded down with gold;
And then I would buy lollipops—
As many as I could hold!

I'd like to have some jewels, too,
The biggest that there are;
And I would use them all for lights
Upon my motor car.

I'd like to sail to distant lands
And visit savage kings;
And then I'd thrill the kids back home,
And tell them lots of things.

I'd like to bury treasure chests
Upon a desert isle;
And be a king of cannibals
In the most royal style.

—*Alice Franklin Bryant*