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**ACROSTIC: LOVE-LIGHTED EYES, THAT WILL NOT
START**

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Carroll, Lewis (pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) (1832-1898) - English novelist, poet, photographer, and mathematician, best known for his fantastical childrens' classics. He was a mathematical lecturer at Oxford. Acrostic: Love-lighted eyes, that will not start (1876) - An acrostic is a poem in which certain letters in the lines (often the first) taken in order form a name, a word, a motto, or an alphabetical sequence. Opening lines: Love-lighted eyes, that will not start / At frown of rage or malice!...

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LOVE-lighted eyes, that will not start
 At frown of rage or malice!
 Uplifted brow, undaunted heart
 Ready to dine on raspberry-tart
 Along with fairy Alice!

In scenes as wonderful as if
 She'd flitted in a magic skiff
 Across the sea to Calais:
 Be sure this night, in Fancy's feast,
 Even till Morning gilds the east,
 Laura will dream of Alice!

Perchance, as long years onward haste,
 Laura will weary of the taste
 Of Life's embittered chalice:
 May she, in such a woeful hour,
 Endued with Memory's mystic power,
 Recall the dreams of Alice!

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