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BROTHER AND SISTER

Lewis Carroll

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.

Brother and Sister (1845) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. Opening lines: "Sister, sister, go to bed! / Go and rest your weary head."

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"SISTER, sister, go to bed!

Go and rest your weary head." Thus the prudent brother said.

"Do you want a battered hide, Or scratches to your face applied?"

"Thus his sister calm replied.

"Sister, do not raise my wrath.

I'd make you into mutton broth As easily as kill a moth!"

The sister raised her beaming eye And looked on him indignantly

And sternly answered, "Only try!"

Off to the cook he quickly ran.

"Dear Cook, please lend a frying-pan To me as quickly as you can."

"And wherefore should I lend it you?" "The reason, Cook, is plain to view.

I wish to make an Irish stew."

"What meat is in that stew to go?" "My sister'll be the contents!"

"Oh!" "You'll lend the pan to me, Cook?" "No!" Moral: Never stew your sister.

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