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LOVE AMONG THE ROSES

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. Love among the Roses (1878) - An acrostic. 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: "Seek ye Love, ye fairy-sprites? / Ask where reddest roses grow...."

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"SEEK ye Love, ye fairy-sprites? Ask where reddest roses grow.

Rosy fancies he invites, And in roses he delights, Have ye found him?" "No!"

"Seek again, and find the boy In Childhood's heart, so pure and clear.

Now the fairies leap for joy, Crying, "Love is here!"

"Love has found his proper nest; And we guard him while he dozes In a dream of peace and rest Rosier than roses."

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