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***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. My Fairy (1845) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. Opening lines: I have a fairy by my side Which says I must not sleep,...

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I HAVE a fairy by my side Which says I must not sleep, When once in pain I loudly cried It said "You must not weep".

If, full of mirth, I smile and grin, It says "You must not laugh"; When once I wished to drink some gin It said "You must not quaff".

When once a meal I wished to taste It said "You must not bite"; When to the wars I went in haste It said "You must not fight".

"What may I do?" at length I cried, Tired of the painful task.

The fairy quietly replied, And said "You must not ask".

Moral: "You mustn't." (1845)

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