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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. Photography Extraordinary (1855) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. Opening lines: Alas! she would not hear my prayer! / Yet it were rash to tear my hair;...

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The Milk and Water School
 ALAS! she would not hear my prayer!
 Yet it were rash to tear my hair; Disfigured, I should be less fair.
 She was unwise, I may say blind; Once she was lovingly inclined;
 Some circumstance has changed her mind.

The Strong Minded or Matter of Fact School
 Well! so my offer was no go!
 She might do worse, I told her so; She was a fool to answer "No".
 However, things are as they stood; Nor would I have her if I could,
 For there are plenty more as good.
 The Spasmodic or German School
 Firebrands and daggers! hope hath fled!
 To atoms dash the doubly dead!
 My brain is fire- my heart is lead!
 Her soul is flint, and what am I? Scorch'd by her fierce, relentless
 eye, Nothingness is my destiny!

THE END