

1891

PUCK LOST AND FOUND

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. Puck Lost and Found (1891) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. An acrostic. Opening lines: Puck has fled the haunts of men: / Ridicule has made him weary:...

PUCK LOST AND FOUND ACROSTIC

["Inscribed in two books... presented to a little girl and boy, as a sort of memento of a visit paid by them to the author one day, on which occasion he taught them the pastime of folding paper 'pistols'."]]

PUCK has fled the haunts of men: Ridicule has made him wary:

In the woods, and down the glen, No one meets a Fairy!

"Cream!" the greedy Goblin cries
Empties the deserted dairy
Steals the spoons, and off he flies.

Still we seek our Fairy!

Ah! What form is entering? Lovelit eyes and laughter airy!

Is not this a better thing, Child, whose visit thus I sing,

Even than a Fairy? Nov. 22, 1891.

PUCK has ventured back agen: Ridicule no more affrights him:

In the very haunts of men Newer sport delights him.

Capering lightly to and fro, Ever frolicking and funning
"Crack!" the mimic pistols go!

Hark! The noise is stunning!

All too soon will Childhood gay Realize Life's sober sadness.

Let's be merry while we may, Innocent and happy Fay!

Elves were made for gladness!

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THE END