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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.

Those Horrid Hurdy-Gurdies! (1861) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. Opening lines: "My mother bids me bind my hair," / And not go about such a figure;...

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A MONODY, BY A VICTIM "MY mother bids me bind my hair,"
And not go about such a figure; It's a bother, of course, but what
do I care? I shall do as I please when I'm bigger.

"My lodging is on the cold, cold ground," As the first-floor and
attic were taken.

I tried the garret but once, and found That my wish for a change
was mistaken.

"Ever of thee!" yes, "Ever of thee!" They chatter more and more,
Till I groan aloud, "Oh! let me be!

I have heard it all before!"

"Please remember the organ, sir," What? hasn't he left me yet? I
promise, good man; for its tedious burr I never can forget.

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