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TO MY CHILD FRIEND

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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. To my Child-Friend (1886) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems. Dedication to "The Game of Logic." Opening lines: I charm in vain: for never again, / All keenly as my glance I bend,...

TO MY CHILD FRIEND**DEDICATION TO "THE GAME OF LOGIC".**

I CHARM in vain: for never again,
 All keenly as my glance I bend,
 Will Memory, goddess coy,
 Embody for my joy Departed days, nor let me gaze
 On thee, my Fairy Friend!

Yet could thy face, in mystic grace,
 A moment smile on me, 'twould send
 Far-darting rays of light
 From Heaven athwart the night,
 By which to read in very deed
 Thy spirit, sweetest Friend!

So may the stream of Life's long dream
 Flow gently onward to its end,
 With many a floweret gay,
 A-down its willowy way:
 May no sigh vex, no care perplex,
 My loving little Friend!
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