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**TO THREE PUZZLED LITTLE GIRLS, FROM THE
AUTHOR**

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. To three puzzled little Girls, from the Author (1869) - One of Lewis Carroll's poems.

Opening lines: Three little maidens weary of the rail, / Three pairs of little ears listening to a tale,...

**TO THREE PUZZLED LITTLE GIRLS, FROM THE AUTHOR
(To the three Misses Drury.)**

THREE little maidens weary of the rail,
Three pairs of little ears listening to a tale,
Three little hands held out in readiness,
For three little puzzles very hard to guess.
Three pairs of little eyes, open wonder-wide,
At three little scissors lying side by side.
Three little mouths that thanked an unknown Friend,
For one little book, he undertook to send.
Though whether they'll remember a friend, or book, or day
In three little weeks is very hard to say.
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