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JUST A BOY

Get to understand the lad-
He's not eager to be bad;
If the right he always knew.
He would be as old as you.
Were he now exceeding wise,
He'd be just about your size;
When he does things that annoy
Don't forget he's just a boy.

Being just a boy he'll do
Much you will not want him to;
He'll be careless of his ways,
Have his disobedient days,
Wilful, wild, and headstrong, too;
Things of value he'll destroy,
But reflect, he's just a boy.

Could he know and understand,
He would need no guiding hand;
But he's young and hasn't learned
How the corners must be turned.
Doesn't know from day to day
There is more in life than play;
More to face than selfish joy,
Don't forget he's just a boy.

Just a boy who needs a friend,
Patient, kindly to the end;
Needs a father who will show
Him the things he wants to know.
Take him with you when you walk
Listen when he wants to talk.
His companionship enjoy,
Don't forget he's just a boy.

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"I am sorry for the fellow
Who has never known his dad,
That never got acquainted
With the father that he had;
The boy that grew up lonely,
With a father day by day,
Who never got to know him
In a friendly sort of way.
I am sorry for the youngster;
He has missed a lot of joy,
But I'm sorrier for the father
WHO HAS NEVER KNOWN HIS BOY".