

# The Children in the Woods.

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with an account of the hee  
befel him for his in humane  
End of the two bloody Muffans: A  
toss, &c — To a very Mourn

Now please, will you Parents dear,  
these words which I shall write,  
A doleful story you shall hear,  
in time brought forth to light.  
A Gentleman of good account,  
in Norfolk liv'd of late,  
whose fame and credit did surmount;  
most men of his estate,  
so sick he was and like to die,  
no help then he could have,  
His wife by him as sick did lie,  
and both noses one grave  
No love between. These two was left,  
each was to other kind,  
in love they lived in love they di

and left two babes behind.  
The one a fine and pretty boy,  
not passing three years old;  
the other a girl more young than he,  
and made of beauteous mould.  
The father left his little son,  
as plainly death appear,  
when he to perfect age should come,  
three hundred pounds a year.  
And to his little Daughter Jane,  
two hundred pounds in gold,  
for to be paid on Marriage Day,  
which might not be controul'd.  
But if these Children chanced to die,  
the uncle should

for so the will did run.  
Now brother said the dying man,  
look to my Children dear,  
Be good unto my Boy and girl,  
no friend else have I here.  
So God and you I do commend,  
my Children light and day,  
A little while before we have,  
within this World to stay.  
You must be Father Mother both,  
and Uncle all in one,  
God know what will become of them,  
when I am dead and gone.



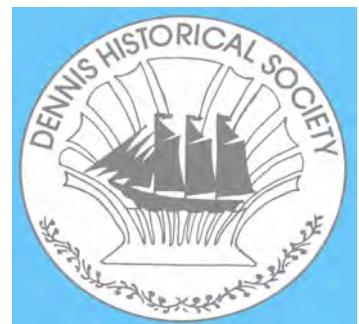
[1777-02-08 Poem; portion of a poem; on back are some sums and "Nathan Stone Ju<sup>f</sup> His Verses. Yarmouth February 8<sup>th</sup> 1777"; a narrow strip with some of the words from the introduction apparently missing on the right side:]

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