

PROTECTIVE LOVE

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Babies should be like butterflies
 Seeking only gentle flowers,
The sun-bright hours,
 Sweet garden scents,
Nature's providence.

Babies should be like butterflies,
 Drifting on love's scented breeze,
Small galleons sailing
 In tranquil waters
Of jewelled seas.

Little feet should only walk
 The sunlit paths of loving care,
Little hands should only grasp
 The sunbeams bright
The flowers fair.

Little hearts should never know
 The cruel sting of angry bee,
Little tears should only fall
 As pearle'd drops
Of purest joy.

For these tiny hearts and hands,
 Represent the life of man,
The twig that bends and sometimes breaks
 Before the black winds of mischance,
The fragility of the human toy,
 The sum and substance of life's span.