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### MATILDA

In ancient Naples dwelt a maid  
Of unsurpassed beauty,  
Who early in her life was taught  
That life is full of duty;  
So, trained to love the beautiful  
In nature and in man,  
A disposition sweet she had,  
As was her parents' plan.  
Her father was a nobleman  
Of great and honest fame,  
Who had most oft in armies served  
In his dear country's name;  
A man of honor and of wealth,  
The people's good he sought,  
Who sang his praises ev'rywhere  
For blessings he had wrought.  
Matilda was the daughter's name;  
Her youth was one of joy;  
She had all things her heart could wish  
Her moments to employ;  
But well she spent her time at things  
Which would improve herself,  
And thus she grew in character  
As winsome as an elf.  
The mother, when Matilda was  
An op'ning bud of two,  
Had left the changing scenes of earth  
To join the good and true.  
Her parting wish was that her babe  
Should grow in grace to be  
A blooming flower of beauty rare—  
A rose of sanctity.

Each day she strived as best she could  
To do as mother willed,  
So when she was fifteen years old  
We see the wish fulfilled.  
Of graceful form and winsome way,  
Her father's pride she proved,  
For such a daughter, true and dear,  
A parent's love behooved.  
But hardly had she reached fifteen  
Till she had married well,  
A nobleman her husband was,  
Who owned a citadel.  
Magnificent and proud it stood  
Upon a river bank,  
Which showed the nobleman to be  
A personage of rank.

Just then a war was on between  
Fair Italy and France,  
And scarce had they been wed a year  
Her husband met mischance;  
While serving on the frontier far,  
A captain great and brave,  
In battle with the enemy  
His life for freedom gave.  
The fair Matilda, when she heard  
The dreadful news of war,  
Fell swooning to the ground; alas!  
Her husband was no more.  
She soon regain'd self-consciousness  
And in her baby boy  
Sought solace from his innocence—  
His beaming face of joy.

She often sat in pensive mood  
With baby in her arms  
At open window by the stream,  
Which lulled her heart with charms.  
What comfort we in nature find,  
Which soothes the aching heart;  
Her harmony doth rend despair  
And peace to us impart.  
So day by day she listened to  
The rippling of the stream;  
Its sparkling waters and its purr  
Gave peace to her supreme.  
One day it chanced, while she was there,  
And in a stupid dream,  
Her baby, rousing, with a jump  
Went headlong in the stream.

The mother in an instant plunged  
Into the flood beneath,  
And with all effort tried in vain  
To save her babe from death.  
Indeed, 'twas all to save herself  
And reach the nearest shore;  
The stream, on-rushing, swift and loud,  
Her death seemed to deplore.  
The war 'twixt Italy and France  
Was marked with cruelty;  
To prisoners they showed extreme  
Of base brutality.  
It happened that an army French  
Was passing 'long the shore  
Just as Matilda climbed the bank,  
Safe from the river's roar.

An officer who saw her plight  
Was struck with pity great  
And saved her from the captive's doom—  
The customary fate.  
He brought her to his native town  
Despite the army's need  
That he should stay with them and help  
By thought and word and deed.

Her beauty won his eyes' delight,  
Her merit won his heart;  
They soon were wed as lovers true,  
Both pierced by Cupid's dart.  
Urged on by hopes of joy and fame,  
To highest posts he rose,  
And all the while Matilda lived  
In state of mind repose.  
But fortune does not often bless  
Us with unaltered bliss;  
Matilda's husband found it out  
When things went all amiss.  
His native town was then besieged  
By the Italian foe,  
Whom long he fought in brave defense  
To suffer overthrow.

Alas! No mercy could he ask  
Of his most cruel foes,  
So must he meet a captive's death  
To end his worldly woes.  
His victors planned that he must meet  
That fate immediately,  
For fear he might succeed, perchance  
To gain his liberty.  
So with Matilda at his side  
To give him hope and cheer,  
His victors led him to the place  
Where he must part from here.  
The executioner stood by  
With lifted sword in hand  
To end the captive's mortal life  
As soon as giv'n command.

Just as the gen'ral was about  
To give the needed word,  
Matilda's screams of anguish great  
Were by the army heard.  
The tears gushed out her swollen eyes,  
Her face all drawn and grave—  
O, how could she a farewell bid  
To one so good and brave?  
How wretched was her heart with woe!  
She knew not what she said;  
Deploringly she censured fate  
That 'twas not her instead.  
"O how I wish," she cried aloud,  
"That death had proved my friend  
When once upon a roaring stream  
My life it failed to end!"

The general, who was to give  
That single word of death,  
Stood speechless, overcome by aught  
Which fairly held his breath.  
The army, silent, gazed at him,  
But he gazed not at them;  
"O mother! mother!" crieth he,  
"My joy doth overwhelm!"  
The noble gen'ral wept aloud  
At fair Matilda's feet;  
He had at last his mother found,  
His joy was now complete;  
The captive, who stood by amazed,  
Was instantly set free  
And ever afterward they all  
Enjoyed felicity.—P. S. L.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Whereas Robert T. Dye and Florence S. Dye his wife by their certain Deed of Trust dated January 2, 1907, and recorded in the Recorder's office of Linn county, Missouri, in Book 155 at page 625 conveyed to Harry J. Libby as trustee the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. thirty-one (31) in the west half of Block No. ten (10) in the original town, now city, of Laclede, Missouri, which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of the note in said deed described, and whereas Harry J. Libby, the trustee named, has removed from Linn county, Missouri, and refused to act and said deed provides that in case of the removal of such trustee or his refusal to act the then acting sheriff of Linn county, Missouri, at the request of the legal holder of said note may act in his stead, and whereas said note is now past due and wholly unpaid, now therefore at the request of the legal holder of such note I, George W. Anderson, Sheriff of Linn county, Missouri, by virtue and in pursuance of the provisions of said deed will on Tuesday, the 23d day of February, 1909, at the front door of the Post-office in the city of Laclede, Linn county, Missouri, between the hours of eight o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m. of said day, sell the above described property at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder to satisfy such debt and costs.  
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