

Two Little Boys

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Two little boys, two little toys
Each was a wooden horse.
Gaily they played, each summer's day
Soldier boys, of course.
One little chap, he had a mishap
And he broke off his horse's head,
Wept for his toy, then cried with joy
When his young comrade said:
"Do you think, Jack, I'd leave you crying
When there's room on my horse for two?
Climb up, Jack, we'll soon be flying.
He can go just as fast with two.
When we grow, we'll both be soldiers
And our horses won't be toys,
And it may be, Jack, that we'll remember
When we were two little boys."
The years quickly passed,
The war came at last
And bravely the boys marched away.
Cannon roared loud, midst the mad crowd
Wounded and dying Jack lay.
When out rings a cry and a horse dashes by
Out of the ranks of the blue.
Dashes away to where Jack lay
And a voice rang strong and true.
"Do you think Jack, I'd could leave you dying
When there's room on my horse for two?
Climb up Jack, we'll soon be flying
He can go just as fast with two.
Do you Jack, I'm all a tremble?
Perhaps it's the battles noise-
Or maybe, Jack, that I remember
When we were two little boys.