## **Alexander Beetle**

I had a little beetle So that beetle was his name And I called him Alexander And he answered just the same And I put him in a matchbox And I kept him all the day But nanny let my beetle out Yes nanny let my beetle out She went and let my beetle out And beetle ran away

She said she didn't mean it And I never said she did She said she wanted matches And she just took off the lid She said I mustn't worry And I really mustn't mind That there's lots and lots of beetles The she's certain we could find She said I mustn't worry But it's difficult to catch An excited sort of beetle You've mistaken for a match

If we looked in all the places That a beetle might be near And we made the kind of noises That a beetle likes to hear And I heard a kind of something And I gave a sort of shout It was a beetle house And Alexander beetle coming out It was Alexander beetle I'm as certain as can be And he had that kind of look as though He thought it might be me

And he had that kind of look as though He thought he ought to say "I'm really very sorry that I tried to run away" And nanny's very sorry too Cause you know what she did And she's writing Alexander Very blackly on the lid So nan and me are friends because It's difficult to catch An excited Alexander You've misstaken for a match Melanie