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***The Canary***

*by Elizabeth Turner*

Mary had a little bird,  
With feathers bright and yellow,  
Slender legs-upon my word,  
He was a pretty fellow!

Sweetest notes he always sung,  
Which much delighted Mary;  
Often where his cage was hung,  
She sat to hear Canary.

Crumbs of bread and dainty seeds  
She carried to him daily,  
Seeking for the early weeds,  
She decked his palace gaily.

This, my little readers, learn,  
And ever practice duly;  
Songs and smiles of love return  
To friends who love you truly.