Dancing
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I dance when I am happy,
I dance when I am sad,
I dance when I am lonely,
I dance when I am mad.
My teacher says,
“Sit still!
Don’t dance about all day.”
But my mother says,
“Dancing makes you healthy,
Dancing makes you tall,
One day you’ll be a dancer,
And surprise them all!”
And I say,
“One day
I’ll dance and people will pay
Just to see me leap and twirl.
‘Her dancing is SO good,’
they’ll say.”
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