"They whipt me,—sent me hungry forth;
I saw a lovely field
Of fragrant beans,—I pluck'd,—I ate,—
To hunger all must yield.
The farmer came,—a cold, a stern,
A cruel man was he;
He sent me as a thief to jail,
And none to pity me;
And none to pity me, kind Sir,
And none to pity me.

"It was a blessed place for me,
For I had better fare;
It was a blessed place for me,—
Sweet was the evening prayer.
At length they drew my prison bolts,
And I again was free,
Poor, weak, and naked in the street,
And none to pity me;
And none to pity me, kind Sir,
And none to pity me.

"I saw sweet children in the fields,
And fair ones in the street,
And some were eating tempting fruit,
And some got kisses sweet;
And some were in their fathers' arms,
Some on their mothers' knee;
I thought my orphan heart would break,
For none did pity me;
For none did pity me, kind Sir,
For none did pity me.

"Then do you pity me, kind Sir?
Then do you pity me?
Then, O how kind, and O how warm,
Your generous heart must be
For I have fasted all the day,
Aye, nearly fasted three,
And slept upon the cold hard ground,
And none to pity me;
And none to pity me, kind Sir,
And none to pity me.