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A PRETTY LITTLE STORY

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"Oh dear," sighed old Biddy, just under her breath,  
"I really am troubled and worried to death!  
For months I have thought of a family, dear,  
To gladden my heart, and to live with me here.

"But daily I find that my plans are upset,  
And all I can do is to sit here and fret —  
I haven't a sign of an egg in my nest,  
Though some I have laid are as good as the best.

"I scolded last night when my mistress came near,  
But though she was bitten, she seemed not to fear;  
She only said, 'Biddy, what are you about?'  
And then through the doorway she simply passed out.

"I don't understand it; I cannot see why;  
For surely to be a good mother I'd try;  
Although I would see that they did as I said!"  
And Biddy, in sorrow and grief hung her head.

So deep was the longing of poor Biddy's heart,  
She felt that with life she was ready to part;  
But glancing about in her trouble and pain  
She saw that her mistress was coming again;

And noting the basket she held in her hand  
Old Biddy thought quickly "she can't understand,"  
And "what is she doing?" exclaimed in surprise;  
For out of the nest Biddy felt herself rise.

As Biddy stood resting her poor weary legs,  
She saw that the basket contained shining eggs;

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