

Three little babes

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A woman lived in a far country,
And she had children three;
She sent 'em away to a far-off town
For to learn their grammar.

They hadn't been gone but a week or two,
In fact it was not three,
Till death came a-walking o'er the land
And took her babes away.

It being close to old Christmas time
And the nights being long and cold,
She dreamt she saw her three little babes
Come a-running down the hall.

"Lay my table white, lay my table fair
For my three little babes to dine."
"Oh mother, we can eat none of your bread,
Neither can we drink your wine.

"We cannot sleep on your golden sheets.
Neither can eat your bread and wine,
For tomorrow morn at eight o'clock
With our Saviour we must dine.

"On a frozen pillow we must sleep
With the cold clods at our feet.
And the tears that you will shed for us
Will wet our winding sheet"