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Nature

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As a fond mother, when the day is o'er
Leads by the hand her little child to
bed,
Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leave his broken playthings on
the floor,
Still gazing at them through the open
door,
Nor wholly reassured and comforted
By promises of others in their stead,
Which, though more splendid, may
not please him more,
So Nature deals with us, and takes away
Our playthings one by one, and by
the hand
Leads us to rest so gently, that we go
Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay,
Being too full of sleep to understand
How far the unknown transcends the
what we know.

