

## Blossom Dearie

### "Mother Necessity"

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Mother Necessity  
With her good intentions,  
Where would this country be  
Without her inventions?  
Oh, things were rotten in the land of cotton  
Until Whitney made the cotton gin.  
Now old times there will soon be forgotten  
For it did the work of a hundred men.

Mother Necessity, where would we be?

Mother Edison worked late each night.  
It went well until the fading light.  
Little Thomas Alva Edison said, "I'll grow up to be  
A great inventor and I'll make a lamp to help my  
mommy see,  
Wowie! What an excellent application of electricity!"  
He worked hard and pulled the switch.  
He was smart and very rich.

Mother Necessity, help us to see.

Now, the mother of Samuel Morse  
Always sent the lad out on a horse.  
"Take a message to Ms. Peavy on the far side of the  
pike;  
Spread the word about the quilting bee next Saturday  
night!"  
Little Samuel started thinking of a way to send a  
message,  
Though he never met a horse he didn't like. Uh!

Mother Necessity!

Elias, can you help me with my sewing?  
Mother dear, I'll fulfill your fondest wishes.  
Elias, how?  
This machine I've made will keep your sewing really  
flowing.  
In fact, we'll keep the whole nation in stitches. Ah!

Mother Necessity, where would we be?

Ring me on the Alexander Graham Bell.  
Thank you Alexander for the phone.  
I'd never get a date, I'd never get a job  
Unless I had a telephone.

Mother Necessity!

"Orville, Wilbur, go outside this minute,  
And there continue with your silly playing!  
Take these plans and take those blueprints.  
Take that funny looking thing,  
Take that wheel, take that wing,  
I can't hear a thing that Mrs. Johnsonc12

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