

## Children "Alexander Beetle"

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I found a little beetle, so that beetle was his name,  
And I called him Alexander and he answered just the  
same.

I put him in a matchbox, and I kept him all the day...  
And Nanny let my beetle out  
Yes, Nanny let my beetle out  
She went and let my beetle out-  
And beetle ran away.

She said she didn't mean it, and I never said she did,  
She said she wanted matches, and she just took off the  
lid

She said that she was sorry, but it's difficult to catch  
An excited sort of beetle you've mistaken for a match.

She said that she was sorry, and I really mustn't mind  
As there's lots and lots of beetles which she's certain  
we could find

If we looked about the garden for the holes where  
beetles hid-  
And we'd get another matchbox, and write BEETLE on  
the lid.

We went to all the places which a beetle might be near,  
And we made the sort of noises which a beetle likes to  
hear,

And I saw a kind of something, and I gave a sort of  
shout:

"A beetle-house and Alexander Beetle coming out!"

It was Alexander Beetle I'm as certain as can be  
And he had a sort of look as if he thought it might be  
ME,  
And he had a kind of look as if he thought he ought to  
say:

"I'm very, very sorry that I tried to run away."

And Nanny's very sorry too, for you know what she did,  
And she's writing ALEXANDER very blackly on the lid,  
So Nan and me are friends, because it's difficult to  
catch

An excited Alexander you've mistaken for a match

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