

## Melanie "Alexander Beetle"

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(A A Milne/Melanie Safka)

I had a little beetle  
So that beetle was his name  
And I called him Alexander  
And he answered just the same  
And I put him in a matchbox  
And I kept him all the day  
But 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 I mustn't worry  
And I really mustn't mind  
That there's lots and lots of beetles  
The she's certain we could find  
She said I mustn't worry  
But it's difficult to catch  
An excited sort of beetle  
You've mistaken for a match

If we looked in all the places  
That a beetle might be near  
And we made the kind of noises  
That a beetle likes to hear  
And I heard a kind of something  
And I gave a sort of shout  
It was a beetle house  
And Alexander beetle coming out  
It was Alexander beetle  
I'm as certain as can be  
And he had that kind of look as though  
He thought it might be me

And he had that kind of look as though  
He thought he ought to say  
"I'm really very sorry that I tried to run away"

And nanny's very sorry too  
Cause 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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