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### "Good-by"

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The Good Boy  
(Lemuel F. Parton)

I have led a good life, full of peace and quiet  
I shall have an old age, full of rum and riot.  
I have been a good boy, wed to work and study  
I shall be an old man, ribald coarse and bloody.

I have never slit throats, even when I yearned to.  
Never sang dirty songs that my fancy turned to.  
I have been a nice boy, and done what was expected  
I shall die and old bum, loved but unrespected.

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