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THE TODDLES TWINS



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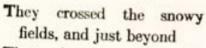
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Here are the Toddles Twins named Jill and Jack
(You see Jack's dressed in white and Jill in black).
Now, Jack gave Jill, when their fifth birthday came,
A pair of skates, and Jill, Jack gave the same.
Both were much pleased, and thought it so nice
To spend the morning skating on ice.







They found a splendid frozen-over pond.

So on the bank they fastened to their feet

Their shining skates with leather straps complete.

The ice was white and hard, without a crack.

"Come on, Jill! Ooh—it's slippery!" cried Jack.





It was! And though they held each other's hand,
They found it even difficult to stand,

And when they struggled forward, yard by yard,

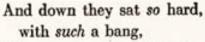
Their feet flew up, and oh! they sat down hard.

Alas! they never noticed that they'd gone

Too near a post with "DANGER" written on.







The sound along the ice like thunder rang.

The ice just there was dangerously thin:

It broke, and Jill and Jack both tumbled in.

Upon the broken edge they tried to hold,

But found the water very wet and cold.





"Oh, help us—save us!" shouted Jill and Jack.

'The only answer was another crack.

But look! Thank goodness!
just before they sank

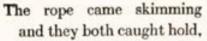
A boy named Sam came running to the bank.

The sight of him filled both their hearts with hope.

Said Sam, "I'll save you!"
—and he threw a rope.







Although their fingers were extremely cold.

Sam pulled them out—he was so kind and good;

They both made little puddles where they stood.

He took their skates off, and remarked, "Don't cry-

I'll take you home with me; I live close by."





Sam's mother wrapped them up in blankets hot;

Two bowls of mutton broth she quickly got.

She sat them by the fire, all nice and warm,

So that the ducking did the twins no harm.

But when their clothes were dry Jill said to Jack,

"Our birthday party! We must hurry back!"



They'd asked two little visitors to tea,

And so they must be home at half-past three.

They skurried to get dressed with might and main,

And scrambled in their warm, dry clothes again.

But, thinking of the birthday and the cake,

They put each other's things on, by mistake!





They thanked Sam's mother who had been so kind

(Of course they didn't leave their skates behind),

And ran, as fast as ever they could go,

Across the meadow, white with fallen snow.

Their little friends had only reached the gate,

So, after all, the twins weren't really late.





They dropped their birthday gifts, and full of woe, Their miserable tears began to flow,

Till Nurse ran up and gave them each a kiss,

Then looked at them again, and cried, "What's this—

Do you see what the silly twins have done?

They've dressed up in each other's clothes for fun."

But, as Jill wore her brother's clothes and cap,

And he wore her's, there came a sad mishap.

The presents which their little friends had brought Did not go to the right twin as they ought.

They gave the doll to Jack, who stood stock still,

And saw a lovely footbell given to Jill.





But when they smiled, and made their story plain, Nurse changed their clothes and presents back again. Jack had his football, Jill her pretty dolly,

And then, of course, the party was quite jolly.

And though folks said they were as like as pins,

They had a lovely time the Toddles Twins.





