

UNIT II

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SISTER, AWAKE!



Sister, awake! Close not your eyes!
The day her light discloses,
And the bright morning doth arise
Out of her bed of roses.

See the clear sun, the world's bright eyes,
In at our window peeping:
Lo, how he blusheth to espy
Us idle wenches sleeping!

Therefore awake! make haste, I say,
And let us, without staying,
All in our gowns of green so gay
Into the Park a-maying!

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1. The teacher reads the poem aloud with appropriate action.
2. After learning by heart, the children recite it in the class room with proper rhythm and accent.

New Words :

<i>disclose</i>	:	<i>make known</i>
<i>bed of rose</i>	:	<i>pleasant situation</i>
<i>peeping</i>	:	<i>looking secretly</i>
<i>wenches</i>	:	<i>girls (old use)</i>
<i>gowns</i>	:	<i>a women's dress</i>
<i>a-maying</i>	:	<i>joyous as in the festival of May day on first May</i>

EXERCISES

I. Answer the following orally:

- (i) What does the young girl tell her elder sister?
- (ii) What does the day do?
- (iii) Out of which place does the bright morning arise?
- (iv) What does the poet mean by the words “the world's bright eyes”?
- (v) Who is peeping in the window ?
- (vi) Why does the sun blush to espy?
- (vii) Find out the words which rhyme with the following :
 - peeping _____
 - say _____
 - staying _____
