



“All the Children” by Michael K. Primavera
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Look at all the children
Their sisters and their brothers;
Playing all together
Assorted types and colors.

Lots of them are typical
Many though, are fat.
Some of them are Jewish
And others, handicapped.

Look at all the children,
They want to be like you.
They imitate the things you say
And mimic what you do.

Impressionable children,
Example is their source.
They'll copy fairness, honesty
And prejudice, of course.

An audience of children
With tape recorder minds;
Judging things from grown-ups,
That's where they get their lines.

Observant little children,
They seldom miss a clue,
In what we say, how we act
And treat each other, too.

It is true, they're only children
But do you appreciate,
That in their tiny little hands
They hold all people's fate.

Teach these children wisely
Or you may find some day,
You're the ones these children think
Are standing in their way.