

The Baby's Autobiography

I feel a loving arm—
A mighty thirst is overcome.
Warm, sweet fluid to me flows—
With it my resentment goes.

Purring—soothing warmth,
Drift I into vistas lovely,
Sleep and breathe a grand new way:
All is changed since break of day.

And my blood coursing gently
Finds new channels opened up—
Leaves the old arteriosus—
Scorns the once-loved duct venosus.

In lung cells now air's aeration—
Ah, divine oxygenation!
Life is pleasant—peaceful sleep—
Till my hunger becomes deep.

Then in anger lest I grow not,
My indignant larynx cries.
And again life-giving wine
Flows to make my tissues fine.

Many times I drink the nectar,
Many ounces I imbibe—
Jolting scales, you say I've lost,
My weight has gone—I'm all a 'frost!'

But soon again that jolting iron
Proclaims my adipose addition,
Those blissful draughts of human milk
Have stretched my skin of rose-pink
silk.

The energy that love inspires,
The clean cool air that I inhale—
The sun's warm rays that light my
days
Encourage all my quiet ways.

But best of all the blissful sleep,
In clean, dry blankets—warm and
soft.
Nature's way—with Mother's care—
Make us goodly "Plunket ware."

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