

The Table and the Chair

I

Said the Table to the Chair,
'You can hardly be aware,
'How I suffer from the heat,
'And from chilblains on my feet!
'If we took a little walk,
'We might have a little talk!
'Pray let us take the air!'
Said the Table to the Chair.

II

Said the Chair to the table,
'Now you know we are not able!
'How foolishly you talk,
'When you know we cannot walk!'
Said the Table with a sigh,
'It can do no harm to try,
'I've as many legs as you,
'Why can't we walk on two?'

III

So they both went slowly down,
And walked about the town
With a cheerful bumpy sound,
As they toddled round and round.
And everybody cried,
As they hastened to the side,
'See! the Table and the Chair
'Have come out to take the air!'

The background of the page is a stylized illustration of a dining room. On the left, a wooden table holds a white vase with three yellow daisies and a small blue cup. In the center, a white tablecloth covers a table with a white cup and saucer. To the right, a wooden chair with a light-colored cushion is visible. The floor is a textured tan color. The background wall has a light blue pattern of green leaves and flowers.

IV

But in going down an alley,
To a castle in a valley,
They completely lost their way,
And wandered all the day,
Till, to see them safely back,
They paid a Ducky-quack,
And a Beetle, and a Mouse,
Who took them to their house.

V

Then they whispered to each other,
'O delightful little brother!
'What a lovely walk we've taken!
'Let us dine on Beans and Bacon!' So the Ducky and the leetle
Brownny-Mousy and the Beetle
Dined and danced upon their heads
Till they toddled to their beds.