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O it was so sweet around that child To see the ripples dancing As oer its brow so soft and mild The sunbeams softly glancing And then I prayed that naught break The angel spell that bound it

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