

Home Time

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"Right, clear up now, it's home time soon
Try not to go out late –
It's wrong to keep your mothers standing
Waiting at the gate."

"Oh, goodness, that reminds me,
That this morning mum did say
That since I've swimming club
I should be out without delay"

"Right, here I am, on time, and yet
Though four o'clock has passed
It looks as though as usual
He won't be out 'til last."

"All right, young man, your friends have gone,
So get your things and go
It's really not correct
To make your Mother wait, you know."

"He's right, and now my desk is tidy
I can go outside
And if Mum says I didn't rush
I'll say I really tried."

"I can't believe he's not out yet
He doesn't seem to care
We'll be late for swimming, so
Why should I take him there?"

"You really must go out now
Let me see you start to hurry
You can feed the fish tomorrow, go!
Your Mum will start to worry!"

"He's got a point, I'd best be off
But, far from being worried,
My Mum will be so angry
That I really haven't hurried."

"Where is that boy?
Oh! There you are-
Well, what have you to say?
Did you forget I told you
To be out here prompt today?"

"No, Mum I did remember
And I've missed my club, for sure
But, what's worse is I've let you down
That's what I'm sorry for."