

# CHRISTOPHER ROBIN SONGS

for Chorus of Treble Voices and Piano

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The set is dedicated to Suzanne Roy with gratitude, admiration, and appreciation.

## Politeness

If people ask me,  
I always tell them:  
“Quite well, thank you, I’m very glad to say.”  
If people ask me,  
I always answer,  
“Quite well, thank you, how are you today?”  
I always answer,  
I always tell them,  
If they ask me  
Politely.....  
BUT SOMETIMES

I wish

That they wouldn’t.

## Disobedience

James James  
Morrison Morrison  
Weatherby George Dupree  
Took great  
Care of his Mother,  
Though he was only three.  
James James Said to his Mother,  
“Mother,” he said, said he;  
“You must never go down  
to the end of the town,  
if you don’t go down with me.”

James James  
Morrison’s Mother  
Put on a golden gown.  
James James Morrison’s Mother  
Drove to the end of the town.  
James James Morrison’s Mother  
Said to herself, said she:  
“I can get right down  
to the end of the town  
and be back in time for tea.”

King John  
Put up a notice,

“LOST or STOLEN or STRAYED!  
JAMES JAMES MORRISON’S MOTHER  
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MISLAID.  
LAST SEEN  
WANDERING VAGUELY:  
QUITE OF HER OWN ACCORD,  
SHE TRIED TO GET DOWN  
TO THE END OF THE TOWN -  
FORTY SHILLINGS REWARD!”

James James  
Morrison Morrison  
(Commonly known as Jim)  
Told his  
Other relations  
Not to go blaming him.  
James James  
Said to his Mother,  
“Mother,” he said, said he:  
“You must never go down to the end of the town  
without consulting me.”

James James  
Morrison’s mother  
Hasn’t been heard of since.  
King John said he was sorry,  
So did the Queen and Prince.  
King John  
(Somebody told me)  
Said to a man he knew:  
If people go down to the end of the town, well,  
what can anyone do?”

(Now then, very softly)  
J.J.  
M.M.  
W.G.Du P.  
Took great  
C/O his M\*\*\*\*\*  
Though he was only 3.  
J.J. said to his M\*\*\*\*\*  
“M\*\*\*\*\*,” he said, said he:  
“You-must-never-go-down-to-the-end-of-the-town  
if-you-don’t-go-down-with-ME!”

## Solitude

I have a house where I go  
When there's too many people,  
I have a house where I go  
Where no one can be;  
I have a house where I go,  
Where nobody ever says "No";  
Where no one says anything- so  
There is no one but me.

## Sneezles

Christopher Robin  
Had wheezles  
And sneezles,  
They bundled him  
Into  
His bed.  
They gave him what goes  
With a cold in the nose,  
And some more for a cold  
In the head.  
They wondered  
If wheezles  
Could turn  
Into measles,  
If sneezles  
Would turn  
Into mumps;  
They examined his chest  
For a rash,  
And the rest  
Of his body for swellings and lumps.  
They sent for some doctors  
In sneezles  
And wheezles  
To tell them what ought  
To be done.

All sorts and conditions  
Of famous physicians  
Came hurrying round  
At a run.  
They all made a note  
Of the state of his throat,  
They asked if he suffered from thirst;  
They asked if the sneezles  
Came after the wheezles,  
Or if the first sneeze  
Came first.  
They said, "If you teazle  
A sneeze  
Or wheeze,  
A measle  
May easily grow.  
But humour or pleazle  
The wheeze  
Or sneeze,  
The measle  
Will certainly go."  
They expounded the reazles  
For sneezles  
And wheezles,  
The manner of measles  
When new.  
They said "If he freezles  
In draughts and in breezles,  
Then PHTHEEZLES  
May even ensue."

Christopher Robin  
Got up in the morning,  
The sneezles had vanished away.  
And the look in his eye  
Seemed to say to the sky,  
"Now, how to amuse them to-day?"