

# JESUS, FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Jesus, friend of little children,  
Be a friend to me;  
Take my hand, and ever keep me  
Close to Thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,  
Daily as I grow;  
Thou hast been a child, and surely  
Thou dost know.



Step by step, O lead me onward,  
Upward into youth;  
Wiser, stronger, still becoming  
In Thy truth.

Never leave me, nor forsake me;  
Ever be my friend;  
For I need Thee, from life's dawning  
To its end.

—Walter John Mathams, 1882



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