

AT NINE THEY STOPPED WORK, AND SANG, AS USUAL, BEFORE THEY WENT TO BED. NO ONE BUT BETH COULD GET MUCH MUSIC OUT OF THE OLD PIANO, BUT SHE HAD A WAY OF SOFTLY TOUCHING THE YELLOW KEYS AND MAKING A PLEASANT ACCOMPANIMENT TO THE SIMPLE SONGS THEY SANG.

MEG HAD A VOICE LIKE A FLUTE, AND SHE AND HER MOTHER LED THE LITTLE CHOIR. AMY CHIRPED LIKE A CRICKET, AND JO WANDERED THROUGH THE AIRS AT HER OWN SWEET WILL, ALWAYS COMING OUT AT THE WRONG PLACE WITH A CROAK OR A QUAVER THAT SPOILED THE MOST PENSIVE TUNE.