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# Home Again With Me



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## **Home Again With Me / Illustrated**

### **DEDICATION**

### **HIS LOVE OF HOME**

"As love of native land," the old man said,  
'Er stars and stripes a-wavin' overhead,  
Er nearest kith-and-kin, er daily bread,  
A Hoosier's love is for the old homestead."

## HOME AGAIN WITH ME

I'M a-feelin' ruther sad,  
Fer a father proud and glad  
As I am – my only child  
Home, and all so rickonciled! —  
Feel so strange-like, and don't know  
What the mischief ails me so! —

'Stid o' *bad*, I ort to be  
Feelin' good *pertickerly*—  
Yes, and extry thankful, too, —  
'Cause my nearest kith-and-kin,  
My Elviry's schoolin' 's through,  
And I' got her home ag'in —  
Home ag'in with me!

My Elviry's schoolin' 's through,  
And I' got her home ag'in —  
Same as ef her mother'd bin  
Livin', I have done my best  
By the girl, and watchfulest;  
Nussed her – keerful' as I could —  
From a baby, day and night, —  
Drawin' on the neighborhood  
And the women-folks as light  
As needssesity 'u'd 'low —  
'Cept in "teethin'," onc't, and fight  
Through black-measles...

Same as ef her mother'd bin  
Livin', I have done my best  
Don't know now  
How we ever saved the child!  
Doc *hed* give her up, and said  
(As I stood there by the bed  
Sort o' foolin' with her hair  
On the hot wet piller there)  
"Wuz no use!" – And at them-air  
Very words she waked and smiled —  
Yes, and *knowed* me. And that's where  
I broke down, and simply jes  
Bellered like a boy – I guess! —

*Women* claimed I did, but I  
Alius helt I *didn't* cry  
But wuz laughin', – and I *wuz*, —

(Men *don't* cry like *women* does!)  
Well, right then and there I felt  
'T 'uz her mother's doin's, and,  
Jes like to myse'f, I knelt,  
Whisperin' "*I understand*."...

So I've raised her, you might say,  
Stric'ly in the narrer way  
'At her mother walked therein —  
Not so quite *religiously*

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