

Classic Poetry Series

**James Alexander Allan**  
**- poems -**

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## James Alexander Allan(1879 - 1967)

James Alexander Allan was an Australian poet and local historian.

Allan was born in Melbourne. He was educated at Alfred Crescent State School, North Fitzroy and the Model School, and was a Commonwealth public servant from 1942 to 1950, as well as in the early years of the century. He enlisted, giving a false age, in 1940 but saw no action and was invalided home from Egypt in 1942. He was paid for the history of Camberwell commissioned from him but the finished manuscript was given to a better-known local historian for reworking and eventually published under the latter's name. Himself the second child in a large family, Allan was married four times and begat at least six children, the three eldest now (2008) deceased.

# 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?'

James Alexander Allan