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AND THE

GRASSHOPPER'S FEAST.

Said to be written for the Use of his Children.

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Come take up your Hats, and away let us haste,
To the Butterfly's Ball, and the Grasshopper's feast.

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The Trumpeter Gad-Fly has summon'd the crew,
And the Revels are now only waiting for you.

On the ſmooth-ſhaven Graſs by the ſide of a Wood,
Beneath a broad Oak which for ages had ſtood,
See the Children of earth and the tenants of Air,
To an evening's amuſement together repair.

And there came the Beetle, so blind and so black,
Who carried the Emmet, his friend on his back.

And there came the Gnat, and the Dragon-Fly too,

And all their relations, Green, Orange, and Blue.

And there came the Moth, with her plumage of down,

And the Hornet, with Jacket of Yellow and Brown.

Who with him the Wasp, his companion did bring,
But they promis'd that ev'ning, to lay by their sting

Then the sly little Dormouſe peep'd out of his hole,
And led to the feaſt, his blind couſin the Mole.

And the Snail, with her horns peeping out of her ſhell,
Came, fatigu'd with the diſtance the length of an ell.

A mushroom the table, and on it was spread.

A water-dock leaf, which their table cloth made.

The viands were various to each of their taſte.

And the Bee brought the honey to ſweeten the feaſt

With ſteps moſt majeſtic the Snail did advance,
And he promis'd the gazers a minuet to dance;
But they all laugh'd ſo loud that he drew in his head,
And went in his own little chamber to bed.

Then, as ev'ning gave way, to the ſhadows of night,
Their watchman, the Glow-worm, came out with his light.

So home let us haſten, while yet we can ſee ;
For no watchman is waiting for you or for me .

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