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Gres *f* *Dim* *p*

there, not there my child, Not there, not there my child!

Gres *f* *pp*

Is it where the feathery palm-trees rise, And the date grows ripe under

sun - ny skies? Or midst the green islands of glit-ter-ing seas, Where

fra-grant forests per-fume the breeze, And strange bright birds on their

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star - ry wings Bear the rich hues of all glo - rious things? Not

Cres *f* *Dim* *p*

there, not there my child! Not there, not there my child!

Cres *f* *pp*

Is it far a-way in some re-gion old, Where the ri - vers wander o'er

sands of gold, And the burn-ing rays of the ru - - by shine, And the

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diamond lights up the se-cret mine, And the pearl gleams forth from the

co - ral strand? Is it there sweet mother that bet - ter land? Not

there, not there my child, Not there not there my child?

Eye hath not seen it my gen-tle boy, Ear hath not heard its deep

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songs of joy! Dreams can-not pic-ture a world so fair!

Sor-row and death may not en-ter there, Time may not breathe on its

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there it is there my child! It is there it is there my child!

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