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SARA



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Love from Kevin xxx



This is a recreation of 'ABC' by Edward Lear.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Edward Lear was an English artist, illustrator, poet, musician, and author who became famous for his 'nonsense' literature which often took the form of poetry or songs.

Created by Lear for his friends, the 17th Earl of Derby's children, this rhyming alphabet was first written around 1851. The drawings and verses are recreated here as they were when first written by Lear himself, including any corrections or alterations he made to the text. Lear's ink drawings look simple at first glance, but include details that can easily be missed. Lear earned a living as an 'ornithological draughtsman' employed by the Zoological Society, and later by the Earl of Derby to draw birds from his private menagerie. Lear's skill in drawing birds can be seen in the exquisite illustrations throughout this book.

Nearly 150 years after it was first written, Edward Lear's ABC has been reproduced here in its entirety to be passed on to the next generation.

A



*A was once built,
like our first hill.
But they made a nice house
On the side of a hill.
A!
This little one!*

B



*B. was a Bat,
Who flew out at night
When the stars and moon,
And the moon give a light
Ho!*

Prone little hat!



C was a Cat
Who ran after a Rat
When Cheese did fall
When Puff blew at his tail

C!

Chase the Cat!

D



*D was a dish,
Quite full of food
Some unloved, and some wanted,
And all the rest touched.*

d!

Wasn't that dish!

E



*E. bent an Eagle,
Who sat on some rock
And looked down on the sea
And the ship in the fender*

e!

Hungry old Eagle!

F



F was a Fox
Who ran very fast,
Over hills and through fields
Till they caught him at last.
F
Fast little fox!

End of Sample.