The Spider and the Fly.



The Spider turned him round about and went into his den, For well he knew the silly Fly would soon come back again; So he wove a subtle web in a little corner sly, And he set his table ready to dine upon the Fly: Then he came out to his door again and merrily did sing, "Come hither, hither, pretty Fly with the pearl and silver wing."

Alas! alas! how very soon this silly little Fly, Hearing all these flattering speeches came quickly buzzing by; With gauzy wing she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew, Thinking only of her crested head and gold and purple hue: Thinking only of her brilliant wings poor silly thing, at last Up jumped the wicked Spider and fiercely held her fast!