

Just Playing

When I'm building with blocks,
Please don't say "I'm just playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
About balance and shapes,
I may be an engineer someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up,
Setting the table, caring for the babies.
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing">
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at the easel, or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say, "He's just playing."
I'm expressing myself and being creative.
I may be an artist, inventor, or influencer someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair,
Reading to an imaginary audience,
Please don't laugh and think I'm "just playing."
I may be a teacher, public speaker, or author one day.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs,
Or packing my pockets with choice things I find,
Don't pass it off as "Just play."
I may be a scientist one day.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle,
Or some "plaything" t my school,
Please don't feel the time is. Wasted in play.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body.
Please don't say I'm "just playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, therapist, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today
And I say, "I just played."
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I'm a child and my work is my play.