

Homeschooling with a Touch of Class

All Things
Bright and
Beautiful
Copywork
Abridged



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Thank you for downloading Homeschooling with a Touch of Class copywork. I hope that you find this work beneficial for your children. It is my desire to provide you with not only good copywork material, but also valuable tools to assist you in using it with your children. For that reason, I have included such information as some background on the text, suggestions for use, and a list of classical music for your children to listen to while copying. I hope that these extras help make the copywork a more enjoyable experience for your children.

About “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” was written by Cecil Francis Alexander in Ireland in 1848. It originally had no title and was written to explain the opening words of the Apostle’s Creed to children. It was published, along with other works by Alexander, in a book called *Hymns for Little Children*. Alexander donated some of the profits from this book to a school for the deaf in Strabane, Ireland.

About This Book

This book contains an abridged version of the hymn written by Alexander. It is the same as or similar to the versions you find in hymnals today. In these renditions, the third verse about the rich man and the poor man has been omitted because opinions about people and their station in life have changed since the 1800’s.

The text is divided into sections by verse for copywork purposes. The last page of this book contains all of the verses of this abridged adaptation on one page.

You’ll find that there are some areas of white space beneath the text in this book. This is to allow your children to be creative and draw their own pictures to accompany the words.

Suggestions for Use

There are multiple ways this copywork can be used. Your child can:

- write directly on the pages of this book,
- copy the text into a notebook or onto specially lined handwriting paper,
- create an illustrated picture book with the text,
- put the text in a book of prayers and hymns,
- put the words to music which he or she makes up.

Recommended Music

Listening to classical music while handwriting can make a potentially tedious task more fun. It also turns copywork into a multi-sensory experience because it adds auditory input to the already existing visual one. This multi-sensory approach strengthens connections in the child's brain. In addition, this technique is valuable for reaching children of a variety of learning styles.

Here is a list of possible musical selections to go with this copywork:

- *Cantata BWV 208* (“Where Sheep May Safely Graze”) by Johann Sebastian Bach
- “Morning” from *Peer Gynt Suite No. 1* by Edvard Grieg
- *Country Gardens* by Percy Grainger
- *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland
- “Spring” from *The Four Seasons* by Antonio Vivaldi

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All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures, great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
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Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings;



The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky;



The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
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The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
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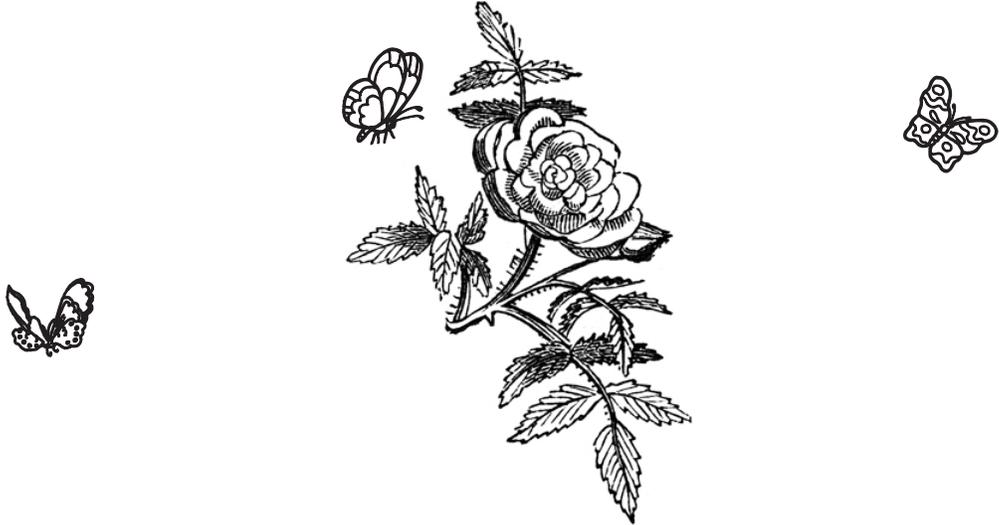
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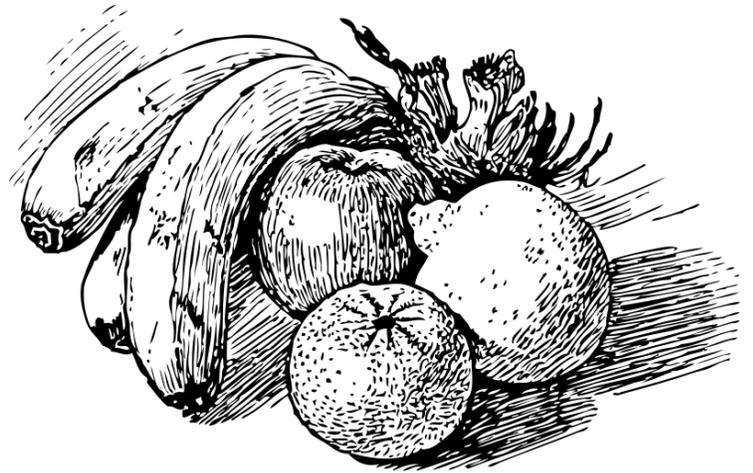


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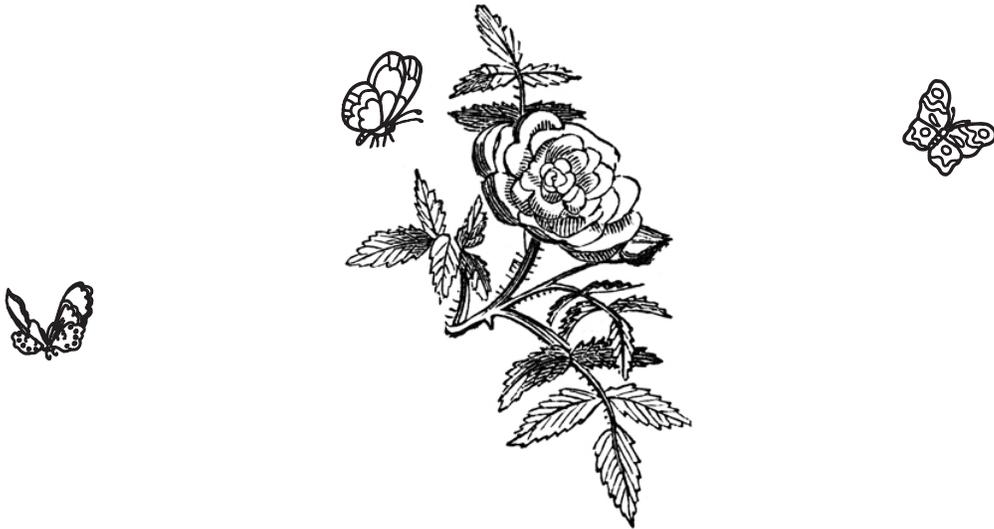
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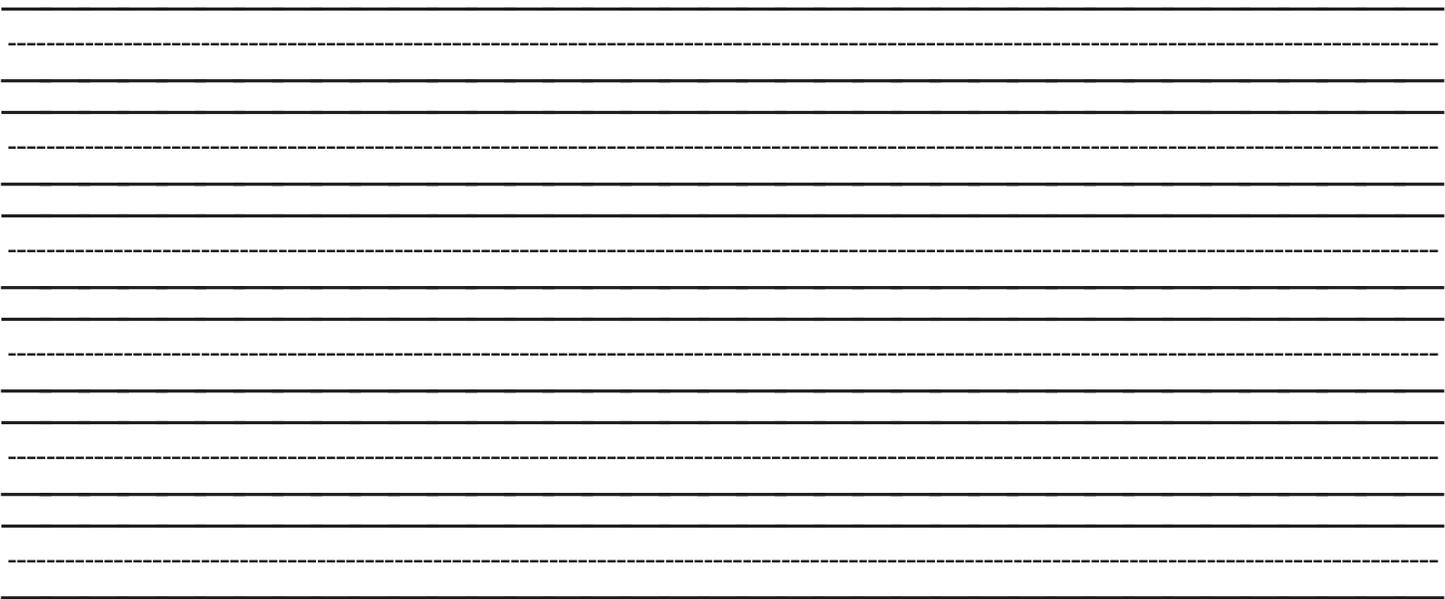
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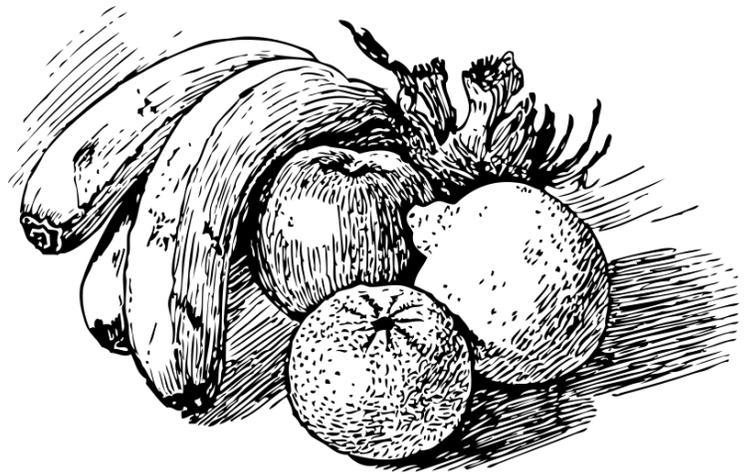


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