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Don't they look so sweet and good,
so well behaved,
like children should?

There's little Lily Pinksweet,
a dainty delight,

the Plumseys so grown-up,
their manners so polite.

Billy Fitzbillian is the cleverest boy,

Percy is the kindest,
he'll share any toy.

And as for those twins,
the De Villechild girls, they are ...



The Plumseys leave
the pantry,
carrying pots of
treacly goo.
The others hop
from foot to foot:
it's time for
something new.

"Come on,
let's get painting!"
the boys and girls cry.
"That's the way to
do it!" says Billy.
"Dip, slick, a lick,
then dry!"