

### MR. STONE

*Mama says I should never hate  
But that's really hard to do  
I'll tell you all about Mr. Stone  
And leave it up to you*

*Yesterday I was playing  
It was late in the afternoon  
Mr. Stone took a pin and pricked  
My pretty red balloon*

### THE GIFTS

*Yesterday was my birthday  
My wife gave me a ring  
Johnny bought me some candy  
And a canary that wouldn't sing*

*Martha got me a toy dog  
And Ginny bought me a hat  
Ethel gave me a fine brassiere  
(Now what will I do with THAT?)*

### MY WIFE

*She gives to me the dearest love  
And is always, from the start  
The beauty of my existence  
The gentleness of my heart*

*She is the stardust of my dreams  
This darling, lovely wife  
My heart, my soul, my everything  
My rapture and my life*

### THE GARDEN

*Some months ago I planted seeds  
In the rich and loamy earth  
God touched those seeds with tender care  
And gave my plants their birth*

*And now I see those precious fruits  
Growing richly from the sod  
Touched by the warmth of sunshine  
Touched by the hand of God*