

CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

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1. One morning Cynthianna and
Her mama, seated in
The big red chugging motor car,
Were ready for a spin.
As mama had a call to make
She said, "While I'm inside
Cynthianna may be taken for
A half an hour's ride."

2. So up the Drive they speeding went,
And Cynthia preserved
A mien of cultured dignity,
Admired and much observed.
When passing Ninety-seventh Street
An aged man she spied.
He looked so tired she wondered if
He wouldn't like a ride.

3. "Oh! stop!" she cried to Cunningham
(That was the chauffeur's name);
"Do see that poor man walking there;
I think it is a shame."
The driver stopped the motor, while
She with a courtesy
Said, "If you'll come and ride with us
I very pleased will be."

4. "Most certainly I'll go with you,"
The gentleman replied.
"I'm charmed to have the privilege
Of riding by your side."
Now the chauffeur let it out a bit,
And it must have been his fault
That a big policeman followed them
And brought them to a halt.

5. "You're pinched!" the mounted copper said,
"So come along with me.
If you think that you can break the law
You very soon shall see."
So in that precinct's station house
They shortly were arraigned.
The cop, who made a speeding charge,
Was loyally sustained.

6. Then Cynthia asked, with fire in eye
And bravery unsurpassed,
"How dare you men arrest us, when
We weren't going fast?
For when my mama hears of this
You p'licemen will be glad
To let us go, and if you don't
I guess you'll wish you had."

7. Then here the gentleman spoke up—
He had been standing by,
A smile upon his countenance,
A twinkle in his eye—
He said, while handing up a card,
"If you'll read this I know
You'll find we weren't going fast,
But really very slow."

8. Lieutenant Casey took the card,
And while his eyes enlarged,
He swallowed twice and meekly voiced
The single word "Discharged!"
Then whispering to the zealous cop,
"You'd better duck!" said he.
"You've pinched a swell attache of
The British Embassy."

