

CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

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1.—A most suspicious function this
The children's fancy ball.
Gay little ones in costume filled
The gilded dancing hall;
And charming Cynthia, dressed
As Carmen, looked a queen;
That she the "belle" was sure to be
Was easily foreseen.

2.—In spangled gown of reddest red,
And roses in her hair,
With elegance of grace she moved,
Composed and debonair.
About her gathered valiant youths
All eager for a chance
Her envied favor to command
And win her for a dance.

3.—Now, Seymour Dividends, who was
As Caius Gracchus guised
At these attentions most pronounced
Grew greatly exercised;
His soul with jealous passion swayed
And deep within his chest
A firm determination formed
These actions to arrest.

4.—But Guy Du Puyster Livingston,
Bedecked as Fauntleroy,
Did like emotions entertain
Of devastated joy;
And Cyril Drew, as Captain Kidd,
Grasped nervously his sword;
He also harbored jealous pangs,
With feelings in accord.



5.—Then "Gracchus," with his dander up,
Approached with haughty air;
And so did "Kidd" and "Fauntleroy,"
All anxious to declare
Their deep undying love for her,
When Dividends expressed
Objections to the pirate and
The way that he was dressed.

6.—This buccaneer, in frightful rage,
Threw down his gloves and hat
And called Cornelia's jewelled joy
A "hateful mean old brat."
Then "Fauntleroy" stuck out his tongue,
And, much to his disgrace,
He joined the others on the floor
In grovelling embrace.

7.—Here panting nurses, vastly shocked,
Much energy employ
In prying "crime" and "ancient Rome"
From modern "Fauntleroy."
And over this assemblage gay
A dismal feeling spread
When three belligerent cavaliers
Were spanked and put to bed.

8.—With indignation Cynthia viewed
This scandalous affray,
And as she from the scene withdrew
Was overheard to say:—
"I know a common grocer's boy,
With no affected airs,
Whose manners while in public are
Much preferable to theirs."

