

“The Protected Sex” Poem from “Are Women People?: A Book of Rhymes for Suffrage Times,” 1915

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The Protected Sex

With apologies to James Whitcomb Riley.

(“The result of taking second place to girls at school is that the boy feels a sense of inferiority that he is never afterward able entirely to shake off.”— Editorial in London Globe against co-education.)

There, little girl, don't read,
You're fond of your books, I know,

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But Brother might mope
If he had no hope
Of getting ahead of you.
It's dull for a boy who cannot lead.
There, little girl, don't read.