

## Distracted The Mother Said To Her Boy.

Distracted the mother said to her boy,  
"Do you try to upset and perplex and annoy?  
Now, give me four reasons - and don't play the fool -  
Why you shouldn't get up and get ready for school."

Her son replied slowly, "Well mother, you see,  
I can't stand the teachers and they detest me;  
And there isn't a boy or girl in the place  
That I like or, in turn, that delights in my face."

"And I'll give you two reasons," she said, "why you ought  
Get yourself off to school before you get caught;  
Because, first, you are forty, and, next, you young fool,  
It's your job to be there.  
You're the head of the school."

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