When Mothers of Salem
(Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me)

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1. When mothers of Salem their children brought to Jesus,
   The stern disciples drove them back and bade them depart.
   But Jesus saw them ere they fled, and sweetly smiled and
   Kindly said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

2. "For I will receive them, and fold them in my bosom;
   I'll be a Shepherd to those lambs, oh, drive them not away!
   And if their hearts to Me they give, They shall with Me in
   Glory live, Suffer little children to come unto Me."

3. How kind was the Savior to bid those children welcome!
   But there are many thousands who have never heard His name;
   The Bible they have never read, They know not that the
   Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

4. O soon may the heaven of every tribe and nation
   Fill fill Thy blessed Word and cast their idols all away!
   And show Thy self a
   God of love, Teach the little children to come unto Thee.

5. How happy the children who rest on Jesus' bosom,
   And there like little fold ed lambs are safe and at rest;
   Thence, none can pluck them ere away, For He who keeps them
   Loves to say, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."

6. And still the kind Savior bids little children welcome,
   For Jesus' loving tender heart to children is the same;
   Though here His voice is no more heard, From heav'n it self He
   Speaks this word, "Suffer little children to come unto Me."