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At the table there we sat

All four in splendid form

For dinner had been laid upon

Twas our duty to conform

Pa and ma and sister too

Sat in solemn voice

Ma said spoken prayer aloud

As if we had a choice

Round and round the staring went

Like we enjoyed the show

Who'd speak first and open up?

As if I'd ever know

Munch and crunch now masticate

Dare not open wide

For if you had a thing to say

Be sure food's kept inside

Clink, clunk, scrape, now scoop

Eat as you've been told

Dinner time is more than food

It's a time to be controlled