

4th Grade April Poem

Name: _____

Keep a Watch on Your Words

Author Unknown

Keep a watch on your words, my children,
For words are wonderful things;
They are sweet like the bees' fresh honey;
Like bees, they have terrible stings.
They can bless like the warm, glad sunshine,
And brighten a lonely life;
They can cut, in the strife of anger,
Like a cruel two edged knife.

Let them pass through your lips unchallenged,
If their errand is true and kind,
If they come to support the weary,
To comfort and help the blind.
If a bitter, revengeful spirit
Prompts the words, let them be unsaid.
They may flash through a brain like lightning,
Or fall on a heart like lead.

Keep them back, if they're cold and cruel,
Under bar and lock and seal;
The wounds they make, my children,
Are always slow to heal.
May Christ guard your lips, and ever,
From the time of your early youth,
May the words that you daily utter
Be the words of the beautiful Truth.

