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My Choices

Thoughtful decisions

Will play a key part

In keeping me strong

And pure in heart.

I'll try to be watchful

And never despair

In this world where

Temptation is everywhere.

I've been carefully taught

With love unrestrained,

How thankful I am

For knowledge I've gained.

But do I remember

The choice rests with me

To plan or to gamble

On what I would be?

To thank daily, a Father

Who's given me all

That I might return

Well-prepared at His call?

Do I have to experiment

Be selfish or proud?

Stubbornly reckless

Just to be with the crowd?

Why should I take chances

If curiosity leaves scars?

Why not be creative—

Set my goal for the stars?

There's much yet to learn

If all truth I embrace;

But rewards will be endless

As I take my place.

And then give to others

My help and concern;

Surely this course in life

Will true happiness earn.

Have a wonderful 12th Birthday and year.

Affectionately, Grandma and Grandpa Clark