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Misplaced Confidence

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Willy in the corner crying! What can be the matter?
What can ail my happy little, merry little boy?
Tears on Christmas morning! — tell us what's the trouble.
Who has caused the tears that spoil our little darling's joy?



"Grandpa's gone a-skating with the little skates I gave him;
Aunty's sitting reading in the fairy-book I bought;
Mama's playing horses with that pair of reins — a present
I made to her last Friday. It's mean! because I thought —

"Boohoo! — I thought that grandpa was a gen'rous sort of grandpa,
And I thought that all the rest of 'em were generous, you see;
And after they had all admired the pretty things I gave them,
They'd think such things more suit'ble for a little boy like me!"

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