

98. The crown of roses

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1. When Je-sus Christ was yet a child He had a gar - den
small and wild, Where-in he cher-ished ro-ses fair, And wove them
in - to gar-lands there. 2. Now once, as sum - mer - time - drew -
nigh, — There came a troop — of child - ren — by, And see-ing
ro - ses on the tree, With shouts they plucked them mer - ri - ly.

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3. 'Do you bind ro - ses in ___ your hair?' They cried, in scorn, to
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Je - sus there. The boy said hum - bly: 'Take, I pray, All but the

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na - ked thorns a - way.' 4. Then of the thorns they made a crown, And

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with rough fin - gers_ pressed it ___ down, Till on his fore - head fair and

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young Red drops of ___ blood ___ like ro - ses sprung. ___

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