

THE TONE OF VOICE

It's not so much what you say
As the manner in which you say it;
It's not so much the language you use
As the **TONE** in which you convey it.

“Come here!” I sharply said,
And the child cowered and wept.
“Come here,” I said – he looked and smiled
And straight to my lap he crept.

Words may be mild and fair
But the **TONE** may pierce like a dart;
Words may be soft as the summer air
But the **TONE** may break my heart.

For words may come from the mind
Grow by study and art –
But **TONE** leaps from the inner self,
Revealing the state of the heart.

Whether you know it or not,
Whether you mean it or care
Gentleness, kindness, love and hate,
Envy and anger are there.

Then, would you quarrels avoid
And peace and love rejoice:
Keep anger not only out of your words –
Keep it out of your voice.

