

Gathering Sticks

Gathering sticks was a bothersome chore
that the people all had to endure,
But God uses tasks that we cannot ignore
to help all His children mature .

He used the offender who'd gathered up sticks
on the Sabbath when they were to rest,
To show all His people they'd be in a fix
if they put His resolve to the test.

He blessed the poor widow who's staples ran out,
as she gathered up sticks for a fire,
When she shared her last meal-in spite of the drought-
with the man in the prophet's attire.

He also saved Paul when the snake bit his hand
as he gathered up sticks for the flame;
So the folks on the island would all understand
that they needed to trust in His name.

So don't be upset when things seem to go wrong
with the regular tasks of the day,
'Cause the unforeseen things that the Lord sends along
will accomplish His will in His way.

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