

## What is home without a mother?

What is home without a mother,  
What are all the joys we meet?  
When her loving smile no longer  
Greet the coming of our feet:  
The days seem long, the nights are drear,  
And time rolls slowly on:  
And oh how fewer are life's pleasures,  
When her gentle care is gone.

Older hearts may have their sorrows,  
Griefs that quickly die away  
But a mother lost to her children  
Grieves the heart from day to day.  
We miss her kind, her willing hand,  
Her fond and earnest care,  
And oh! how dark is life around us,  
What is home without her there?



*What is home without a mother?* - By 19th century American songwriter Septimus Winner