

# HAPPY AND THE HUMBLE HOBOES

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A RHYMED PLAYLET having ten characters, composing two bands, the Go-Happies and the Forgotten Men. The Go-Happies may be smaller in stature than the second group to designate that they are younger.

(As the playlet begins, a band of five boys comes marching on stage. They all wear conventional "Hobo" attire--ragged trousers and shirts, with tattered hats askew upon their disheveled hair. Each boy carries his belongings tied up in a red handkerchief and slung on a pole over his shoulder. As they march in, they sing these words to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic").

"Oh, here the Happy Hoboes come a-tramping on their way,  
They are heading for the open road upon this sunny day,  
They've escaped from school and studies,  
So they've time to loaf and play,  
Just hoboes tramping on!

Hello, fellows, we are coming!  
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Just hoboes tramping on!"

(They line up across stage, facing audience. The leader speaks:)

My name is Happy-Go-Lucky!  
And this is my Go-Happy band.  
That's "Carefree"; that's "Jolly"; that's "Plucky"  
And here's "Easy-Come" next at hand.

We're all cutting classes forever,  
We're tired of the trouble and strife,  
The adverbs and fractions and commas  
That ruin a poor student's life.

CAREFREE: We're fed up with going on errands  
And raking, and cutting the lawn--  
So now we are taking life easy--  
Excuse me a bit, while I yawn. (Yawns widely)

JOLLY: The sunlight outdoors looked so merry,  
It winked at me right through the glass,  
And I was kept in by the teacher  
For laughing out loud during class!

PLUCKY: I like it out here much the better--  
The white road, the streams, and the trees;  
Why, even the wind seems to beckon.  
Adventure lies thick on the breeze!

EASY-COME: The wide open spaces are healthy--  
We'll get lots of fresh air, I know.

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