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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD
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boy and airplane

If you have had the pleasure of putting a model airplane together, fitting all the pieces so that the plane is balanced, you know what it means to follow a plan or pattern.

Perhaps you've watched your mother follow a pattern in dressmaking. If your father has a hobby, such as cabinet making or electronics, you've observed how carefully he follows a plan to successful completion.

The desire for a pattern of living, creating, reading and worshipping is deep within us. It is a natural and attractive way of life to plan ahead, to achieve order in whatever we do. Otherwise, nothing makes sense!

Have you ever thought about what would happen if our natural world did not follow a pattern? What if the seasons did not follow a plan and summer came when winter was scheduled? Or the plan of our natural world for water circulation, from ocean to atmosphere, from the atmosphere to land, from the land back to the oceans, did not follow in a sure order?

All would be chaos! Without the cycle or water pattern in our world, there would be no crops, gardens, animals, birds and fish! And, no living human beings!

The wonder of the earth following a pattern of rotation on an axis, giving us light and darkness when we need them for activity and rest is almost unbelievable! But it's been a sure and steady for centuries!

Everyone needs a pattern in life, a plan of education, recreation, vocation, and a spiritual way of life.

Our Bible offers the plan of salvation by faith in Christ -- also a pattern to follow: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

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THE STARS
By Florence Jansson

The stars at night

I think may be

God's candlelight

For you and me.

He hangs them there

When day is done

To light our prayer

Up to His throne.

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QUERY

By Alice W. Norton

Who is it that crosses the bridge of my nose,
Or of my good palm makes a fan?
And where is the drummer that knows how to beat
The drums in the ear of a man?

Just show me the man that can fashion a key
That will unlock a lock of my hair;
And who's got a file that will add a keen edge
To the two shoulder blades that I wear?

And who, pray, can boast of two stronger calves
Than I house in the curve of my legs?
And who's got a wrench that will unscrew the cap
That covers the hinge in my "pegs?"

Why must I wear nails on my fingers and toes,
And why are my lips coloured red?
Won't somebody answer these questions for me,
With the wheels that revolve in their head?

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