

## Growing Children's Needs

Children are as fragile  
As the petals of a rose.  
Their need for love and guidance  
Will go on each year they grow.  
Walk lightly through the flowers  
Making certain they have room,  
For if you overcrowd or step on them  
You may never see them bloom.  
Nurture them with kindness  
As you see to all their needs.  
Treat children as you would a plant  
You've started from a seed.  
The fruit of all your labor  
Will be sweet and bring you pride,  
For guidance builds good children  
When it's tenderly applied.

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