

THE QUARREL

This poem by Eleanor Farjeon is about the quarrel between a brother and a sister. The speaker of the poem is the sister. The sister says that the quarrel started on a trivial matter but it ended in a bitter way. The speaker is sure that her brother was wrong and she was right. This quarrel continued till afternoon. The siblings hated each other and were not on speaking terms. When suddenly her brother 'thumped' her on the back and made up for the quarrel. He admitted he was wrong. The speaker's brother did not want their quarrel to continue till night. And this is how their quarrel ended.

It was a friendly banter between siblings. It is common in every household. The poetess has beautifully depicted the quarrel in the poem. These kinds of fights do not continue for long. And at the end they patch up and become friends again.

Eleanor Farjeon was an English author and poetess. She authored many children's stories. Farjeon's children's plays are very popular for school performances.