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1. A lit - tle, 'tis a lit - tle word, But much may in it dwell;
2. The way of ru - in thus be - gins, Down, down, like eas - y stairs,
3. A lit - tle theft, a small de - ceit, Too of - ten leads to more;
4. Just as the broad - est riv - ers run From small and dis - tant springs,
5. The child who ear - ly dis - o - beys, Stands now on slip - p'ry ground;



Then let the warn - ing truth be heard: O learn the les - son well.
 If con - science suf - fers lit - tle sins, Soon larg - er ones it bears.
 'Tis hard at first, but tempts the feet, As thro' an o - pen door.
 The great - est crimes that men have done Have grown from lit - tle things.
 And who shall tell, in fu - ture days, How low he may be found?

