

## IMMANUEL (GOD WITH US)

Ben Strasser

God be with us every day  
Throughout every lonely hour,  
Guide us along our pilgrim way  
To the everlasting tower.

Teach us the spirit to forgive  
To be humble, to be true,  
Bestow a better way to live  
On sinners who have martyred you.

Give us the impulse to atone  
For wrong committed, men betrayed,  
So our hearts may someday own  
The many mansions You have made.

## Tom-Boy

Jane Hallam

**W**HAT is a tom-boy? The dictionary says "a girl of romping and boistrous conduct." My childhood actions were such that I received the reputation of being a decided tom-boy. All of my after-school hours I spent playing with two boy cousins who lived near me. These boys were proud of my ability to join in rough games, and they considered me to be just another brother.

We enjoyed all sports—football, basketball, baseball, and marbles, but football was my favorite. While playing football one day I gained the respect of the boys in the neighborhood by tackling one boy and giving him a bloody nose. After this unpleasant experience, he said, "From now on I either play on the same side she's on, or I don't play at all."

Playing basketball was also one of my major achievements because, being left handed, I could perform a one-handed push shot, that none of the boys could equal.

We spent many happy hours playing Tarzan in my Aunt's backyard where there were several cherry trees. The boys took turns being Tarzan; and I, of course, was Jane, his mate.