

Albert and the Stock Market

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When Albert's Aunt Edna's
Time on this earth was done,
She left Albert 10 shares and said
"Albert, watch them grow, have some fun!"

It seemed to amuse the little lad
When they grew from six pence to one shilling.
Father said "Aye, its time to sell them shares"
But there was no way young Albert was willing.

Father did his best to explain
A bird in a hands worth two in a bush,
But every time the subject was mentioned
Albert said "Father, just hush!"

For some reason those shares
Didn't burn a whole in the little lads pocket.
He was more entertained checking their price
Than buying his mother a locket.

And then at least for a year or two
The price on those shares stayed the same,
And then they took another jump
"Look father" said Albert, "they've doubled again!"

Now Albert was feeling rather clever
And patted himself on the back and said
"Dealing in shares is easy
I think I've got the knack!"

Albert kept his share certificate
In a little frame on his bedroom wall.
And it made him smile when he thought of the day
When they'd reach one pound or more.

Little did Albert know
There was talk of economic gloom.
"Cash up quick" the papers read
"We've reached the end of the boom."

Albert's shares made headline news
As the recession started to grow
"Bad luck" the newspaper said
"Forecast price - zero!"

Next time Albert checked his shares
They were worth only one penny.
"O' father" said Albert "last month they were worth two shillings
And now they're worth hardly any."

"I don't like to say it" said father
"But I did tell you so.
Remember the story about the birds in the bush?
Well now I think you know!"

To this very day it remains a mystery
To the little lad.
And there'll be no more shares for Albert,
Now he's like father and spends everything he has!
