



Elfin Handkerchiefs

No one knows the reason why
Elves can't catch cold and they never cry.
But any sunny day you may spy
On fields and lawns all under the sky
Their cob-web handkerchiefs spread to dry!

-- Rachel Field

(From *Eliza and the Elves* by Rachel Field, illustrated by Elizabeth MacKinstry, Macmillan, 1930)



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