

The Helpful Centipede

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There was a helpful centipede
who chewed on leaves and did good deeds
while walking at fantastic speeds
singing, “Hey! Dilly, dilly! Hi! Ho!”

A bumblebee, down on her luck,
was in the mud, her wings were stuck,
and cried, “Please pluck me from the muck!”
with a Hey! Dilly, dilly! Hi! Ho!

The centipede, no thought for thanks,
he gave the bee a mighty yank.
He split in two and the old bee sank!
With a Hey! Dilly, dilly! Hi! Ho!

There’s now two helpful centipedes
who chew on leaves and do good deeds
and though they only walk half-speed
they sing in perfect harmony
singing, “Hey! Dilly, dilly! Hi! Ho!”

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