Learning Him to Walk

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"'E CAN'T get along *jest* as fast as e' likes,
Cos 'is boots weigh 'im down (they are old uns of Mike's);
But there isn't a kid in the 'ole of our street
So clever and 'andy in lifting 'is feet.
You should see 'im step out! It's as good as a show,
I tell yer, our Percy's a wonner to go!

2

"'Course, 'e wobbles a little, and doesn't go straight,
But I'd back 'im to beat any chap of 'is weight;
And when 'e's a-chasing the cats in the yard,
E'll run quite four steps without sitting down 'ard.
Yus! it does makes us feel a bit proud, for you see
We l'arned 'im to walk, Isabella and me.

3

"The bald-'eaded babby from over the way
'E looks on and snorts, jest as if 'e would say,
'I don't see no call to put on so much side;
I'm blest if I couldn't beat *that* if I tried!'
But e' couldn't, pore kiddy, for all 'is big talk,
Cos 'e never 'ad no-one to l'arn 'im to walk."

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