

# The Giantess

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- <sup>1</sup> Where can I find seven small girls to be pets,  
where can I find them?  
One to comb the long grass of my hair  
with this golden rake,  
one to dig with this copper spade  
the dirt from under my nails.  
I will pay them in crab-apples.
- <sup>8</sup> Where can I find seven small girls to help me,  
where can I find them?  
A third to scrub at my tombstone teeth  
with this mop in its bronze bucket,  
A fourth to scoop out the wax from my ears  
with this platinum trowel.  
I will pay them in yellow pears.
- <sup>15</sup> Where can I find seven small girls to be good dears,  
where can I find them?  
A fifth one to clip the nails of my toes  
with these sharp silver shears,  
a sixth to blow my enormous nose  
with this satin sheet.  
I will pay them in plums.
- <sup>22</sup> But the seventh girl will stand on the palm of my hand,  
singing and dancing,  
and I will love the tiny music of her voice,  
her sweet little jigs.  
I will pay her in grapes and kumquats and figs.  
Where can I find her?  
Where can I find seven small girls to be pets?