



## The Ancoats Skylark: And Other Verses (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books. Paperback. Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. 110 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.2in. Excerpt from The Ancoats Skylark: And Other Verses Perhaps it was difficult for people to understand the extraordinary ignorance of town children in such districts as he was referring to respecting the commonest natural objects. The other day he was inspecting a school in Ancoats, and the boys in the first class were repeating some poetry they had learnt about a skylark. He enquired whether anyone had ever seen a lark; there was a silence, but a boy presently held out his hand to signify he wished to speak, and on his saying, Well, where did you see a lark he answered, In the public-house at the corner of the street, in a cage. He (Mr. Oakeley) thought, Poor caged lark, and poor caged little lad. - Speech of Mr. H. E. Oakeley, H. M. Senior Inspector of Schools, at the opening of the Manchester School Board Central Higher. Grade School, July, 1884. The day was hot, the summer sun Pierced through the city gloom; It touched the teachers anxious face, It brightened all the room. Around him children of the poor, Ill fed, with...



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