

Subtraction



"O please dear Mr. Arithmetic
I'm Minus, Take Away,
Do let your figures every one
Come out with me and play."



Soon out they ran-the figures gay-
And Equal, also, came.

And then with Minus managing
They planned a lively game



"Just watch me! Watch me!" Minus cried
Before the game began.

"I'll take my place, then you take yours
As quickly as you can."

She called for figures Nine and One
And then skipped in between;

And like a flash, to end the line,
Equal and Eight were seen.

