



Just Playing  
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When I'm in the block area,  
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play: about balance and shapes  
Who knows, I may become an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies,  
Don't get the idea I'm "Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I may be a mother or a father someday

When you see me up to my elbows in paint, or standing at an easel, or molding  
and shaping the clay  
Please don't let me here you say, "He's Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I'm expressing myself and being creative  
I maybe an artist or an inventor one day

When you see me sitting in a chair "reading" to an imaginary audience  
Please don't laugh and think I'm "Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I may be a teacher someday

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets  
with choice things I find,  
Don't pass it off as "Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm leaning as I play  
I may be a scientist someday

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some plaything at my school  
Please don't feel that time is wasted in "Play"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I'm leaning to solve problems and concentrate  
I may be in business someday

When you see me cooking to tasting foods  
Please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "Just Playing"  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I'm learning to follow directions and see differences  
I may be a cook someday

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body  
Please don't say I'm just playing  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I'm learning how my body works  
I may be a doctor, a nurse or an athlete someday

When you ask me what I've done at school today, and I say, "I Just Played"  
Please don't misunderstand me.  
For, you see, I'm learning as I play  
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful at my work  
I'm preparing for tomorrow  
Today, I am a child and my work is play