Mean Mother

A mean mother never allows candy or sweets
to take the place of a well balanced meal.
A mean mother insists on knowing
where her children are at all times,
who their friends are and what they do.
A mean mother breaks the child labor law
by making her children work. . .
washing dishes, making beds, learning
to cook and doing other chores.
A mean mother makes life miserable for her offspring
by insisting that they always tell the truth.
A mean mother produces teenagers
who are wiser and more sensible.
A mean mother can smile with secret delight
and pride when she hears her own
grandchildren call their parents "mean."
What the world needs now are more "Mean Mothers."