I Forget - song lyrics

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I FORGET.
As sung by Hoey, in the Parlor Match.

I remember, I remember, who it was that wrote this song.
I remember that he sang it o'er And o'er;
He played the music to me till I'd learned every note,
I could not help but shout to him encore!
He told me that 'twas safe to be a very big success,
'Twould surely make of me a public pet;
I remember that I bought the song, but did I pay the man?
I forget, I forget, I forget.

I remember, I remember that I madly fell in love.
Not once, not twice, but many a score of times:
But one girl in particular, the latest one I mean,
I lov'd and in her praises sung yards of rhymes;
I popp'd the question to her that I'd popp'd to many more,
She said she'd be my wife, my darling pet;
I remember that I promised-ah! did I wed the girl?
I forget, I forget, I forget.

I remember, I remember that I got a suit of clothes,
And I never, never had a better fit;
"I must congratulate you, sir, " I to the tailor said,
' You've really made what I might call a hit,
I'll recommend my friends, " so I sent a dozen pals,
Kach one of them got in the tailor's debt;
I remember that he sent the bills, but did we settle them?
I forget, I forget, I forget.

I remember, I remember what occurr'd the other night.
I'd been dining, ditto, wining rather late;
My way home seem'd so roundabout, the streets got very mixed,
And the lamps went by at such a rapid rate!
My wife had gone to roost so I knocked loudly at the door,
When straightway to the window came my pet;
Did the hand wash-basin strike me, or one of my top-boots?
I forget, I forget, I forget.

I remember, I remember how one morning I'd to run
To fetch the needful doctor to my wife;
The occasion was so pressing I'd no time for coat or boots,
And I bade the doctor run as if for life:
An hour of anxious waiting and then it all was o'er.
I met that doctor's face so stern and set;
Is it one, or two, or triplets? tell me doctor;-he replied :
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