

## Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,  
he learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule,  
he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,  
he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance  
he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,  
he learns justice.

If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love in the world.

*—Dorothy Law Nolte*