

Golden Keys

A bunch of golden keys is mine
To make each day with gladness shine.

"Good morning!" that's the golden key
That unlocks every door for me.

When evening comes, "Good night!" I say,
And close the door of each glad day.

When at the table "If you please"
I take from off my bunch of keys.

When friends give anything to me,
I'll use the little "Thank you" key.

"Excuse me," "Beg your pardon," too,
When by mistake some harm I do.

Or if unkindly harm I've given,
With "Forgive me" key I'll be forgiven.

On a golden ring these keys I'll bind,
This is its motto: "Be ye kind."

I'll often use each golden key,
And so a happy child I will be.

Name: _____

1. What must the “golden keys” be in this poem? Fill out the chart below to include text evidence that supports your inference.

<u>Text Evidence</u>	<u>Inference</u>
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2. What do you think the narrator is trying to explain when they say “And so a happy child I will be” at the end of the poem?

3. Why do you think that? Support your answer with evidence from the text or from your experiences.
