

NICE BY NUMBERS

Abigail is nice by numbers
Really has herself in hand,
Maybe isn't good by nature
Yet's been made to understand
What is right and wrong behaviour
What's acceptable to show -
Acts as she has been instructed
Goes where she's been told to go.

Abigail has gone for counselling
Which she's been advised to take
For her marriage, for her children,
For her reputation's sake;
She's too wise not to have realized
That it really doesn't work
To give way to temper tantrums
Lose control and go berserk.

Abigail is work in progress -
She's a soul that has been saved
From addiction, dereliction
Leading to an early grave.
Some of us are blest with virtue
Some have harder work to do:
Abigail is nice by numbers
But it's really seen her through.