**“A Dolly Named Lolly”** (*„Lellīte Lolīte”*) by Rainis (1924)

The collection of children poetry “A Dolly Named Lolly” (Her Life and End) was planned and arranged in 1924. His agreement with the publisher Andrejs Jesens was still in force, where he had promised to prepare poems each month to be published in the magazine “Small Youth Path” (*„Mazās Jaunības Tekas”*). At the end of the year it was planned to gather the poems and together with the illustrations publish them in a separate book. Most of the poems were written for picture books (1908-1911) printed by the publishing house of Ernests Plātess. While preparing a new collection the poems were re-edited to make a single story about the daily life scenes of the doll Lolly (*Lolīte*) — sleeping, waking, bathing, being busy at the doll kitchen, the laundry day, etc. Lolly has to take part in springtime chores outside, go for a visit, get ready for school and learn. Also *incis* (a cat) and *krancis* (a dog) take part in the action. Then Lolly falls ill and she never gets well again. In the ending Rainis explained, that “This was the life and end of Lolly”. Thinking about what happened after, the poet told about the further events of incis and krancis. And what about Laimiņa (the girl who owned the doll)? She is big now and has started to learn at the middle school.

The collection of poems was published by the publishing house of Andrejs Jesens (in the series “For Little Readers” (*„Maziem lasītājiem”*. no.26) in 1924 with illustrations drawn by Alberts Kronenbergs.