



demanded
snarled
barked
snapped
ordered

sharply
angrily
unhappily
briefly
viciously

as he hung up Willie's threadbare
coat
while he stoked the fire
before he climbed the stairs
aware of the child's nervousness



cried
whispered
pleaded
begged
whimpered

hesitantly
shakily
hopefully
quietly
unhappily

quiet and unsure of himself
unsure whether to follow
with a worried expression
shuffling forwards after him
trying to be as quiet as he could



joked
laughed
chuckled
grinned
chortled

nervously
timidly
tensely
anxiously
worriedly

with a gruff laugh
as a snort escaped his mouth
with a nervous glance up
unsure how to behave
as his tummy let out a loud grumble