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By Samantha Katlyn Herbst

The trail led to nowhere
With the silver tucked in his bag,
The man stared down the long road ahead
He thought about sitting down to rest in the grass
But he decided against it and continued down the road
It didn't take long before he met a happy little boy on the road
The boy called Petit-Gervais tossed his coin high in the air over and over
Singing a happy French tune as he went on his way to the village
Then for a brief moment he dropped his coin at his feet
And the man picked it up to examine and think
A coin to provide for his family
Just as the man did once

The coin fell back in Petit-Gervais's hand and the two parted ways
Over the next few years, the man became better,
But never left Montreuil-sur-Mer under Père Madeleine
And raised his adopted daughter far from Paris
And far from the July Revolution that would bring two friends closer
Though they would never see the dawn