



Poetry-by-Heart Key Stage 1

The Morning Rush by John Foster

Into the bathroom,
Turn on the tap.
Wash away the sleepiness –
Splish! Splosh! Splash!

Into the bedroom,
Pull on your vest.
Quickly! Quickly!
Get yourself dressed.

Down to the kitchen.
No time to lose.
Gobble up your breakfast.
Put on your shoes.

Back to the bathroom.
Squeeze out the paste.
Brush, brush, brush your teeth.
No time to waste.

Look in the mirror.
Comb your hair.
Hurry, scurry, hurry, scurry
Down the stairs.

Pick your school bag
Up off the floor.
Grab your coat
And out through the door.

The Witches' spell

Double, double, toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.
Fillet of a fenny snake
In the cauldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and owlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a hell-broth, boil and bubble. Double, double, toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.

William Shakespeare
(from Macbeth)



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Cats

Cats sleep
Anywhere,
Any table,
Any chair,
Top of piano,
Window-ledge,
In the middle,
On the edge,
Open drawer,
Empty shoe,
Anybody's
Lap will do,
Fitted in a
Cardboard box,
In the cupboard
With your frocks –
Anywhere!
They don't care!
Cats sleep
Anywhere.

Eleanor Farjeon

Daddy Fell into the Pond

Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.
We had nothing to do and nothing to say.
We were nearing the end of a dismal day.
And there seemed to be nothing beyond,

Then

Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew merry and bright,
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.
'Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!
He's crawling out of the duckweed!' Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,
And doubled up, shaking silently,
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft,
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.
Oh there wasn't a thing that didn't respond

When

Daddy fell into the pond!

Alfred Noyes



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Please Do Not Feed The Animals

Please do not feed the ostriches
sandwiches
or the polar bears
éclairs.

Do not offer the wombats
kumquats
or the rattle-snakes
fruit-cakes.

Remember that piranhas
are not allowed bananas
or partridges
sausages.

Never approach a stork
with things on a fork
or the bustard
with a plate of custard

No leopard
likes anything peppered
and meerkats
dislike Kit Kats.

Remember that grapes
upset apes
and meringues
do the same for orang-utans.

Most importantly—
do not feed the cheetah
your teacher.

Robert Hull

A little Seed

A little seed for me to sow

A little soil to make it grow

A little hole, a little pat,

A little wish, and that is that,

A little sun, a little shower.

A little while –

And then, a flower!

The BFG

The BFG is big and strong

His legs and arms are very long

He catches dreams when it is light,

And gives them all through the night.