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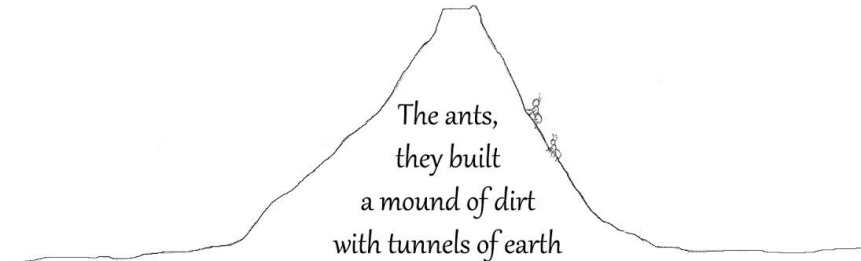
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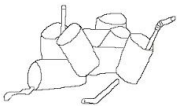
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# The Queen

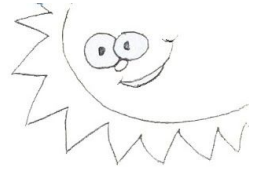


The ants,  
they built  
a mound of dirt  
with tunnels of earth  
and rooms of great girth.  
The queen, she lay lazily  
and simply asked for more sweet tea.



# The Land of the Alligators

In the Land of Alligators,  
the sunshine always shines.  
Butterflies hatch out of strawberries  
and I still see your eyes.



The stars are all within my reach  
and clouds taste sweet like candy.  
In the Land of the Alligators,  
everything is dandy.

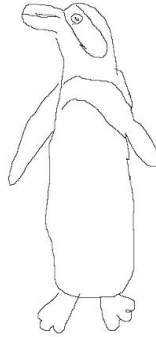
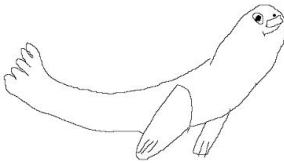


You still stand beside me.  
You still hold my hand.  
I can hear your laughter.  
All in Alligator Land.



# The Penguin and the Seal

The penguin went to visit the seal.  
He sniffed her, touched her, asked "Are you real?"  
The seal nodded in grave agreement.  
I am as real as your belly button lint.  
The penguin, confused, looked down at his belly.  
There was no lint, only jelly.  
He started to talk  
For the seal to hear,  
But when he looked up  
No one was there.



# Mo-Skee-Toes

One bit me on the  
right  
big  
toe.

It's itchin', itchin'!  
Oh,  
such  
woe.

Mosquitoes are my  
bigg-  
est  
foe.

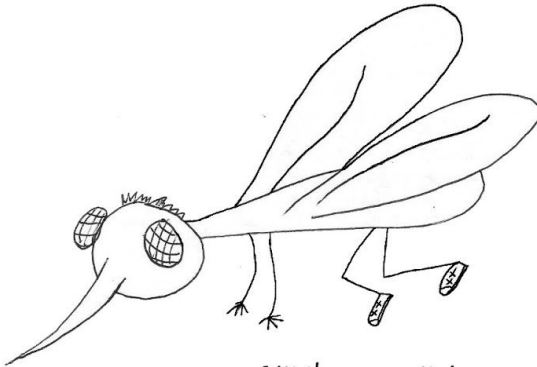
I see one and I  
up  
and  
go.

One's comin' 'round to  
get  
me...  
No!

It bit me and it  
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es  
so.

You know I hate those  
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skee  
toes.

SMACK!



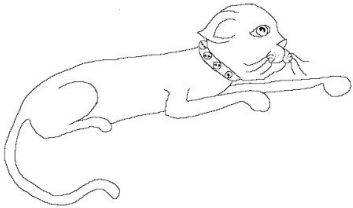
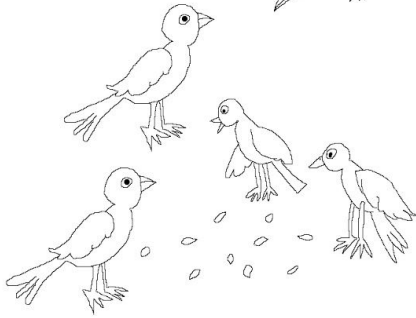
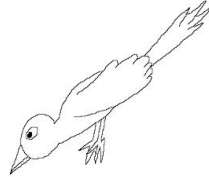
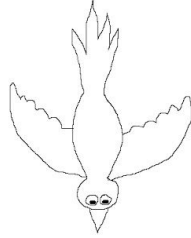
Hit the mosquito!

# Jingle Cat

Jingle, jingle  
means the cat is near.

Jingle, jingle  
all the birds can hear.

The cat may tiptoe  
across the lawn,  
but when she gets there  
all the birds are gone.





# Stanley the Snake

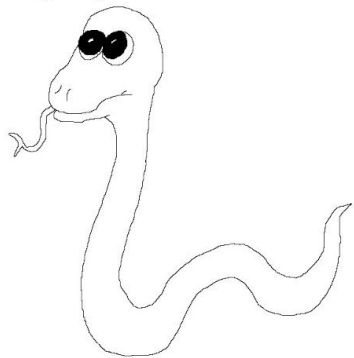
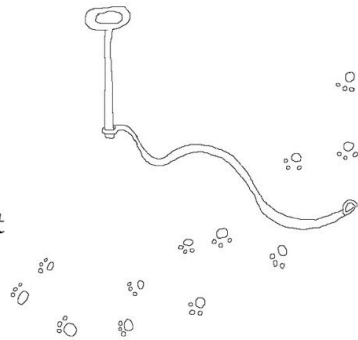
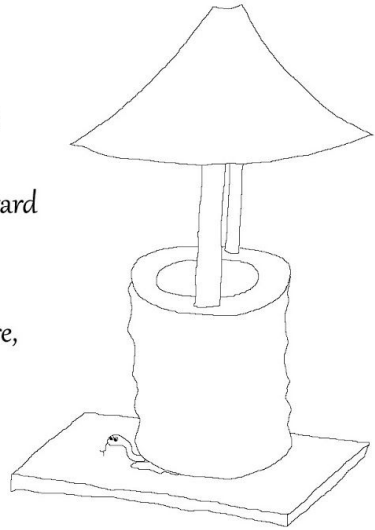
Stanley's there, he's peeking out  
from underneath the well.  
His eyes, they look around the yard  
and with his tongue he smells.

He knows the dogs were out here,  
but sees they're not here now.  
He smells something different.  
It is the farmer's cow.

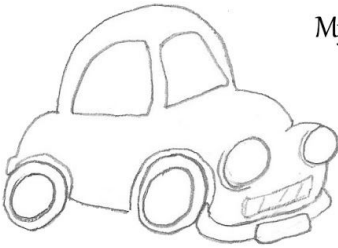
His body slithers further  
onto the concrete base.  
He bathes himself in sunshine  
from his tail to his face.

Now Stanley's siblings peek out  
from underneath the well.  
They see him lying peacefully.  
All's safe, they can tell.

So, too, they slither out  
to bathe within the sun.  
The humans come outside;  
they scream, they yell, they run!



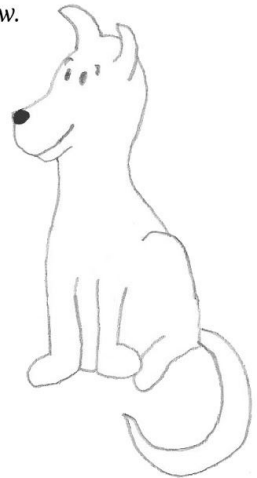
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he really likes cars,  
more than most dogs do.

But he won't in 'em  
he doesn't chase 'em  
what he does is kinda new.

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He sits and whines and barks.  
See, Buddy looks in the window  
at his humans and he talks.



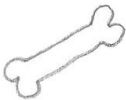
He says...

"Please let me in now!"

"I've been a really good boy!"

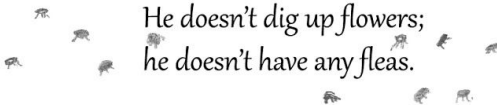
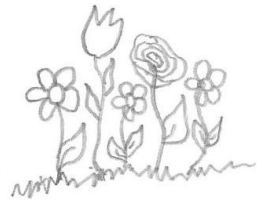
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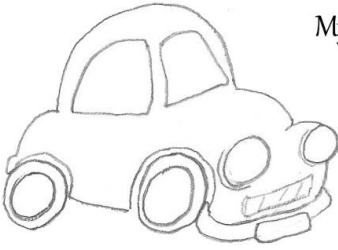
"I'll sit and eat my toy."



Yeah, Buddy's pretty stubborn.  
He looks in the window and stares.  
If I call out to him,  
he only moves his ears.

Buddy is a good dog.  
The whole neighborhood agrees.  
He doesn't dig up flowers;  
he doesn't have any fleas.

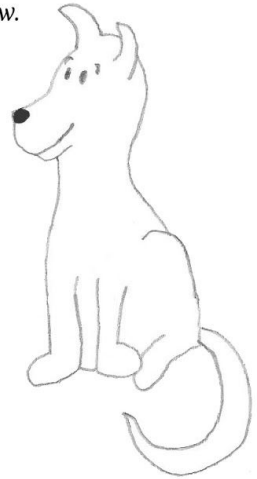




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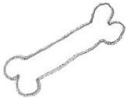
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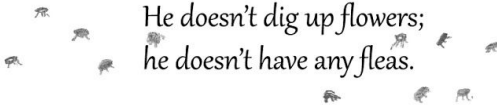
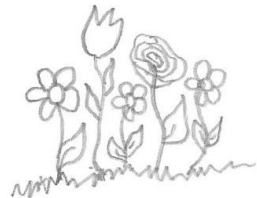
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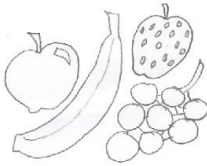


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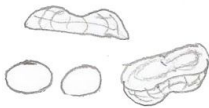
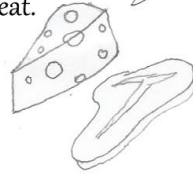
# Boiled Peanuts at Midnight



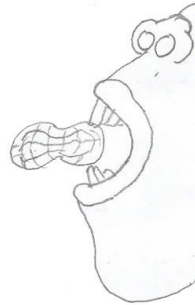
Boiled peanuts at midnight  
are always a tasty treat.  
They are superior to veggies  
or fruit or cheese or meat.



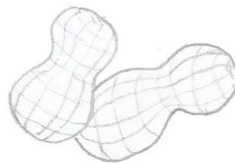
I like them in a bowl,  
all juicy and quite hot.  
While you prefer them  
from the fridge.  
(We often eat a lot.)



We bite the end  
and suck the juice  
then crack the shell  
and force them loose.



We savor each and every bite  
of boiled peanuts at midnight.



# Welcome To Spring

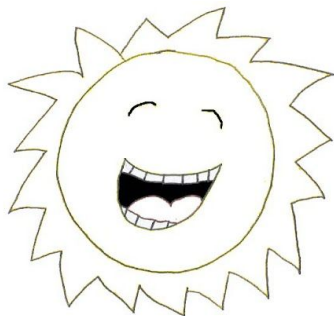
It rained last month,  
last week, last night.  
There was no end  
to it in sight.

But then today  
the rain, it stopped.  
The sun came out;  
the flowers popped.

April was  
a coloring book.  
May brought crayons  
and now, just look!

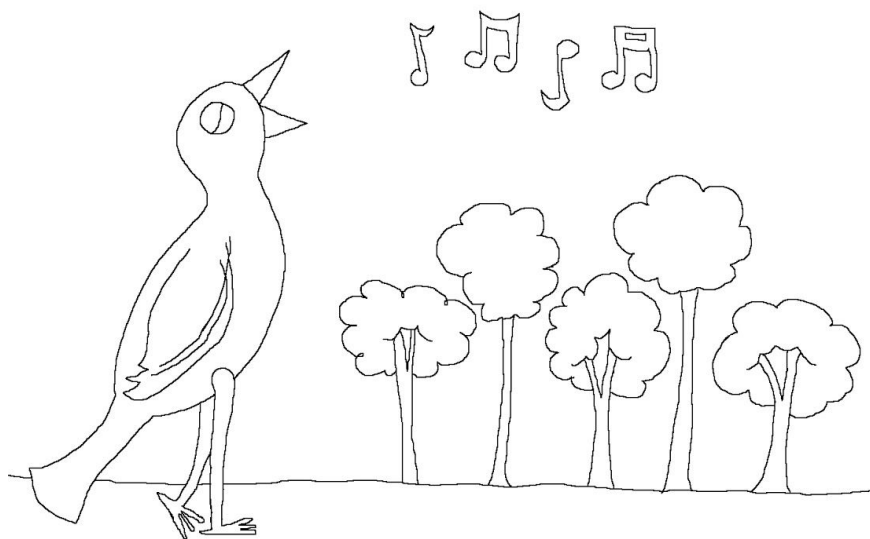


The trees are colored in  
yellow, white, and pink.  
The grass is so green,  
it looks fake, I think.



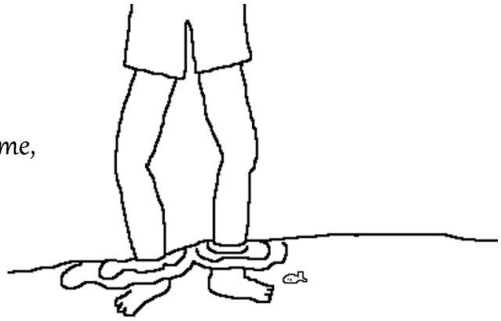
The blue of the sky,  
the songs of the birds...  
it's all just so pretty  
I... I don't have the words!

Welcome to spring!  
Put a smile on your face.  
The sunshine is laughter.  
Don't let it go to waste.



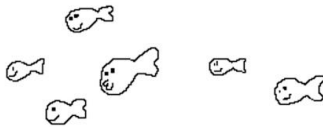
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The fish in the pond  
swam circles 'round me,  
trying to determine  
just what i might be.

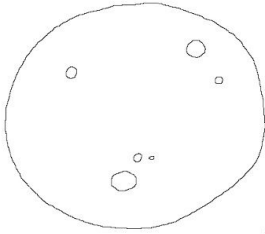


I stood real still  
as they nibbled my toes  
testing out if  
they were friends or foes.

I looked in the water  
at the reflection of the sky,  
seeing fishes swimming  
as the clouds float by.



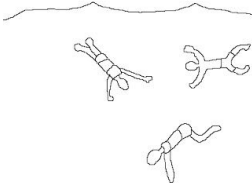
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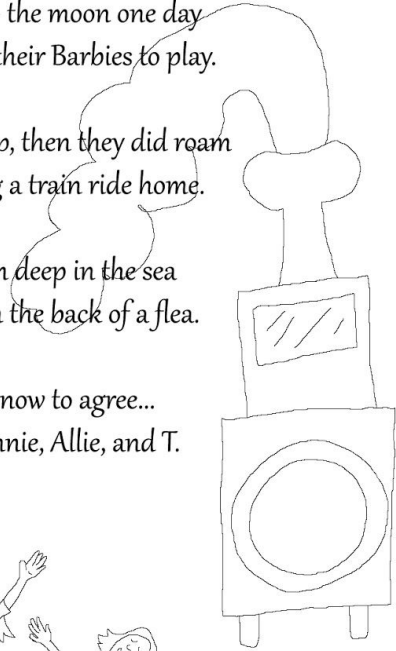
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They cleaned up, then they did roam  
before taking a train ride home.



They swam deep in the sea  
then rode on the back of a flea.

It's time now to agree...  
g'night, Annie, Allie, and T.





# My Apple Tree

In my backyard  
grows an apple tree.  
It's like God planted it  
there for me.

Its curvy branches  
are perfect for sittin'.  
It's rotten apples,  
the best for hittin'.

The apples it grows  
can fill a whole cart.  
They're big 'n juicy;  
they're green and tart.

I take a bite  
and feed it to Shasta.  
I eat slower,  
and she eats faster.

I help my Dad  
each and ev'ry spring  
to prune that tree  
and prepare everything,

so in cooler weather  
my apple tree  
will have more apples  
for Shasta and me.

# i

I sat and stared out the window.  
A teardrop fell from my eye.  
I'm feeling very sorry  
for me, myself, and I.

I cry and weep and throw a fit.  
You just don't understand.  
I sigh and lay my head to rest  
upon my tear-soaked hand.

One day maybe you'll sympathize.  
Don't know when that'll be.  
Some day you might just get  
that it's always about me.

# The Bugs Here

The bugs here are scary.  
They're more than dangerous.  
The bugs here are frightening.  
I'm scared they might bite us.

The bugs here have fangs --  
sharp, pointy, and long.  
They pick up the fridge;  
they're incredibly strong.

The bugs here are numerous.  
They constantly multiply.  
If you leave two alone,  
soon they will fill the sky.

You should try poison  
or set up a trap.  
If i'm not mistaken,  
there's a bug in your lap!

# Anger

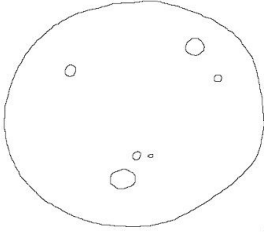
It's starting to boil,  
the anger i feel.  
From inside my nostrils  
and down to my heels

Dark smoke is streaming  
out of my ears.  
Don't think i'm crying.  
That's sweat, not tears.

My face is turning  
a dark shade of red.  
Now somebody tell me!  
Who ate all the bread?!

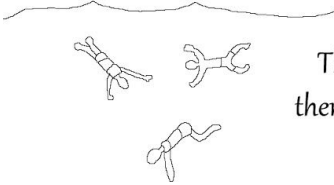
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