



*Where
the
Sidewalk
Ends*

*the poems and drawings of
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INVITATION

If you are a dreamer, come in.

If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,

A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...

If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire

For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.

Come in!

Come in!

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THE ACROBATS

I'll swing

By my ankles,

She'll cling

To your knees

As you hang

By your nose

From a high-up

Trapeze.

But just one thing, please,

As we float through the breeze-

Don't sneeze.

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MAGIC

Sandra's seen a leprechaun,

Eddie touched a troll,

Laurie danced with witches once,

Charlie found some goblins' gold.

Donald heard a mermaid sing,

Susy spied an elf.

But all the magic I have known

I've had to make myself.

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HOMEMADE BOAT

This boat that we just built is just fine-

And don't try to tell us it's not.

The sides and the back are divine-

It's the bottom I guess we forgot....

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<image caption: kids floating in water with boat pieces around them>

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I MUST REMEMBER

I must remember ...

Turkey on Thanksgiving,

Pudding on Christmas,

Eggs on Easter,

Chicken on Sunday,

Fish on Friday,

Leftovers, Monday.

But ah, me-I'm such a dunce.

I went and ate them all at once.

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THE FOURTH

Oh

CRASH!

my

BASH!

it's

BANG!

the

ZANG!

Fourth

WHOOSH!

of

BAROOOM!

July

WHEW!

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ICKLE ME, PICKLE ME, TICKLE ME TOO

ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too

Went for a ride in a flying shoe.

"Hooray!"

"What fun!"

"It's time we flew!"

Said Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Ickle was captain, and Pickle was crew

And Tickle served coffee and mulligan stew

As higher

And higher

And higher they flew,

Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

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Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Over the sun and beyond the blue.

"Hold on!"

"Stay in!"

"I hope we do!"

Cried Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too
Never returned to the world they knew.
And nobody
Knows what's
Happened to
Dear Ickle Me, Pickle Me, Tickle Me too.

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CAPTAIN HOOK

Captain Hook must remember
Not to scratch his toes.
Captain Hook must watch out
And never pick his nose.
Captain Hook must be gentle
When he shakes your hand.
Captain Hook must be careful
Openin' sardine cans
And playing tag and pouring tea

And turnin' pages of his book.

Lots of folks I'm glad I ain't-

But mostly Captain Hook!

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HUG O' WAR

I will not play at tug o' war.

I'd rather play at hug o' war,

Where everyone hugs

Instead of tugs,

Where everyone giggles

And rolls on the rug.

Where everyone kisses.

And everyone grins.

And everyone cuddles.

And everyone wins.

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IT'S DARK IN HERE

I am writing these poems

From inside a lion.

And it's rather dark in here.

So please excuse the handwriting

Which may not be too clear.

But this afternoon by the lion's cage

I'm afraid I got too near.

And I'm writing these lines

From inside a lion.

And it's rather dark in here.

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OURCHESTRA

So you haven't got a drum, just beat your belly.

So I haven't got a horn-I'll play my nose.

So we haven't any cymbals-

We'll just slap our hands together.

And though there may be orchestras

That sound a little better
With their fancy shiny instruments
That cost an awful lot-
Hey, we're making music twice as good
By playing what we've got!

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FLAG

One star is for Alaska ...
One star is for Nebraska ...
One star is North Dakota ...
One star is Minnesota...
There are lots of other stars,
But I forget which ones they are.

COLORS

My skin is kind of sort of brownish
Pinkish yellowish white.
My eyes are greyish blueish green.