

Feis Dhún Geanainn 2018

Speech & Drama
Poems

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HUMPTY DUMPTY WENT TO THE MOON

Humpty Dumpty went to the moon
on a supersonic spoon.
He took some porridge and a tent
but when he landed the spoon got bent.
Humpty said he didn't care
and for all I know
he's still up there.

Michael Rosen

SOUNDS

Crunching ginger biscuits
is like hearing soldiers tread
marching over gravel
on the inside of your head.

Chewing a marshmallow
is nowhere near as loud.
It's the smaller, sweet equivalent
of swallowing a cloud.

Stewart Henderson

SO BIG!

The dinosaur, an ancient beast,
I'm told, was very large.
His eyes were big as billiard balls,
His stomach, a garage.
He had a huge and humping back,
A neck as long as Friday.
I'm glad he lived so long ago
And didn't live in my day!

Max Fatchen

THE MUSIC OF THE WIND

The wind makes ***LOUD*** music,
It roars above the rooftops,
It drums beneath the floor,
It howls around the gable-end
And rat-a-tats the door.

The wind makes *quiet* music,
It whistles down the chimney,
It tiptoes through a tree,
It hums against the window-pane
And whispers tunes to me.

Wes Magee

QUESTIONS

I often wonder why, oh why,
All grown-ups say to me:
“When you are old and six foot high,
What do you want to be?”

I sometimes wonder what they’d say
If I should ask them all
What *they* would like to be, if they
Were six years old, and small.

Raymond Wilson

I HAD A LITTLE NUT TREE

I had a little nut tree;
Nothing would it bear
But a silver nutmeg
And a golden pear;
The King of Spain's daughter
Came to visit me,
And all for the sake of
My little nut tree.
I skipped over water,
I danced over sea,
And all the birds in the air
Couldn't catch me.

Anon

THE GOBLIN

There's a goblin as green
As a goblin can be
Who is sitting outside
And is waiting for me.

When he knocked on my door
And said softly, "Come play."
I answered, "No thank you,
Now, please, go away."

But the goblin as green
As a goblin can be
Is still sitting outside
And is waiting for me.

Jack Prelutsky

DOWN IN THE VALLEY

Down in the valley
Where the green grass grows,
There stands *Daisy*,
Washing out her clothes.
She sang and she sang
And she sang so sweet,
She sang for her playmate
Across the street.

Playmate, playmate.
Will you come to tea?
Come next Sunday
At half past three.
Tea, cakes, pancakes,
All for you and me.
Won't we have a lovely time
At half past three.

Anon

COUNTING SHEEP

They said,

“If you can’t get to sleep
try counting sheep.”

I tried.

It didn’t work.

They said,

“Still awake? Count rabbits, dogs
Or leaping frogs.”

I tried.

It didn’t work.

They said,

“It’s *very* late. Count rats,
Or read-eyed bats!”

I tried.

It didn’t work.

They said,

“Stop counting stupid sheep!
EYES CLOSED! DON’T PEEP!”

I tried

and fell asleep.

Wes Magee

SAMANTHA IS SOBBING

Samantha is sobbing
By the playground wall
But why she should be sobbing
No one knows at all.

The sun shines brightly
The sky is blue
But Samantha is sobbing
Oh what shall we do?

Take her to Granny
Who lives down Comfort Lane
Once she gets to Granny's house
She'll never sob again.

She'll kiss her on her topknot
And treat her like a queen
Feed her new potatoes
Beans and margarine.

Gareth Owen

KANGAROOS

Kangaroos are hoppity
Kangaroos are fun,
If you want to catch a Kangaroo
You'll really have to run.

Kangaroos are jumpy
Bounding over the plain,
You can't hold down a Kangaroo
'Cause he'll bounce up again!

Kangaroos are tough guys
They can box as well,
If a Kangaroo should hit you
Your head rings like a bell!

Kangaroo Mums are kindly
For their young they have a pocket
Where babies can feed and feel quite safe
While Mum takes off like a rocket!

John Cotton

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the sort of day
I should like to wrap
In shiny silver paper
And only open when it's raining.

This is the sort of day
I should like to hide
In a secret drawer to which
Only I have the key,

This is the sort of day
I should like to hang
At the back of the wardrobe
To keep me warm when winter comes,

This is the day
I should like to last forever,

This is my birthday.

June Crebbin

SPACESHIP SHOP

I need to find a spaceship shop

I want to buy a rocket

One that's sleek and shiny

With a key so I can lock it

My aim is to travel

As high as I can go

Then land on a peaceful planet

Leap out and say "Hello!"

I won't stay in space too long

With bright stars all around me

I know if I'm not home on time

Mum is bound to ground me

But first, I need to find that spaceship shop

So I can buy a rocket

One that's sleek and shiny

With a key so I can lock it

Note: Make sure that its brakes work

I'll crash if I can't stop it!

Bernard Young

A SMILE

Smiling is infectious,
You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled, I realized
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about my smile and then
I realized its worth.
A single smile like mine could travel
Right around the earth.

If you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected.

Jez Alborough