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Jean's Dream

Jean had ten red beads.
She kept them near her bed.
When she went to sleep one night,
Ideas popped in her head.
"I'll make a special necklace,
The best you've ever seen."
When Jean woke up that morning,
It was all just a dream.

My Summer Vacation

In June we camped in the van.

It was fun to make dinner in a pan.

In July I rode a train to my aunt.

I grew my own tomato plant.

In August I did a hike with my dad.

Summer is over, and I am sad.

Pancakes for Breakfast

When mom makes pancakes in a pan,
I eat as many as I can.

Two, four, six, eight—I can't wait
For stacks of pancakes on my plate.

"You ate them all," said my dad.
Mom will make more. I am glad!

The Cat Chaser

I have a dog named Ray
Who's as fast as he can be.
He chases Nate the cat
Way up the big birch tree.
Nate feels right at home.
In his treetop space.
So Ray sits and waits for
Another cat to chase.

Let's Go to Grandma's!

We're off to see Grandma.

We hope she's at home.

We'll take her some soap,

A mirror, and comb.

We'll follow the road.

We'll walk the whole way.

Now we're at Grandma's

We'll have a great day!

Follow the Wind

Where does the wind blow?
Through the trees, let's go!
Over the mountain covered in snow,
Wind blows everywhere we go.
By the seaside, over ocean foam,
Wind blows everywhere we roam.

The Snow Ride

"It's a fun ride in the snow!"
That's what I was told.
They roll across the hills,
Even though it's cold.
They take the road around the pond
And count the stars they find,
Most people come home chilly,
But they don't seem to mind.

Goodbye, Flu!

June is in her room with the flu.

She's such a sorry sight.

She'd like to get up from her bed.

She tries with all her might.

Mom brings a batch of fruit juice

And a very yummy lunch.

Soon June feels much better.

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She grew so much so fast.

She needs a special cart.

We know that Sue is hard to budge.

You can judge yourself, it's true.

Now Sue's bigger than we are.

We're not sure what to do.

Shopping

It may take us all day
To buy what we need.
Will we find the right gifts?
Can we succeed?
We spent all our money.
Our trip was complete.
No more shopping for us.
We're totally beat!

Eagles Fly

Tilt your head up toward the sky.
See the eagle when it goes by?
How fun it must be
Gliding on a breeze.
Eagles fly through the air
And land in the trees.

A Bad Day

I hurt my head.

I tripped over my feet.

My sandwich fell out.

"Now what will I eat?"

I screamed and I groaned

On this very bad day.

Then Mom gave me a hug,

And the pain went away.

Don't Cry

Hush, little brother, don't you cry.
Look at my kite flying high in the sky.
Up it goes for at least a mile.
It will be up there for a while.
Take the string and hold it in place.
Now a smile lights up your face.

Once Upon a Time

I chose a nice story,
To read to you today.

It starts with "Once upon a time,
In a land far, far away."

One day a kind prince went walking
By a wild dragon in a cave.

"I'll fight the dragon," said the prince,
"For I am very brave."

Third Base

As Barb played her favorite sport
She looked right at the umpire.
She guarded third base proudly
As the game came down to the wire.
She jumped so high to catch a ball,
She couldn't go much higher.
Fans around her burst into cheers,
"That girl's an awesome flier!"

Scarecrow in the Garden

There is a silly scarecrow
Swaying in the air.
It stands in the garden
With a funny hat and hair.
Its arms are full of straw.
Its eyes, they only stare.
It may not be too smart,
But it gives the crows a scare.

Arctic Fox

Stay clear! There's Arctic Fox.
To you, he may seem small.
From his perch near his den,
He gives an eerie call.
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But watch it change in fall.
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The Snoring Horse

Lion and Horse live next door.

Horse's loud snoring makes Lion roar,

"I can't take it anymore!"

So Lion buys earplugs

At the general store.

Now he can sleep.

They are friends forever more.

Watching for Sea Turtles

Sea turtles, sea turtles,
Where can they be?
With curved flippers, lay their eggs,
Then hurry out to sea.
They are magnificent!
Surely you agree?

Fern's Monsters

Monsters in the orchard!

Monsters in the park!

Fern doesn't like monsters—

Especially in the dark!

Monsters under her bed!

Large monsters in the store!

Just when Fern forgets them,

She bumps into some more!

Digging for Treasure

Treasure's hidden in the yard.
So we've been told!
Maybe we'll find some golden coins
Or something very old.
Dig in the soil. Dig down deep.
I hope we find treasure
To enjoy and keep.

The Puppet Show

I made my puppet out of wood,
Paper, crayons, and glue.

My puppet show was soon to start.
All my lines I knew.

By noon my show had started.
I did it by the book.

When the show was over,
A graceful bow I took.

New Jeans Now!

I've outgrown my jeans
How can that be?
They're now up past my ankles.
And there's a hole in one knee.
Now we go out to the mall
To find jeans that fit me.
I'll take any color—
The first pair I see!

The Lobster Boat

Out go the lobster crew.
At dawn they leave the land.
They sail on the ocean.
They search in the sand.
At last their cage is full.
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Jake Bakes

There once was a chick
Whose name was Jake.

He liked to snack,
So he baked a cake.

He ignored the recipe
In the book.

The cake was awful.
Jake's NOT a good cook!

My Puppy Gus

I have a puppy named Gus.

He likes to wriggle.

He chases flies and gnats.

He makes me giggle!

He gnaws on furniture.

He puts on a show.

Will he grow out of it?

We'll soon know.

Running Squirrels

Squirrels run here and there.

Squirrels run everywhere.

They run into the shrubs.

They run through the trees.

Squirrels seem so happy

Doing what they please.

The Journey

It was the stroke of midnight,
On a strange and musty ship.
The nights were dark and cold
On our long, rough ocean trip.
There were only scraps for meals.
The ocean spray was wet.
We've come so far to find a home.
We know we'll get there yet!

Goose Goes to the City

Goose lived in the country.

Giraffe lived at the zoo.

Goose went for a visit.

Right to the city she flew.

Cars zoomed all around.

The noise was too much!

Goose flew back home.

Giraffe said, "Keep in touch!"

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