

## **Please Mrs Butler!**

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps copying my work, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Go and sit in the hall, dear.  
Go and sit in the sink.  
Take your books on the roof, my lamb.  
Do whatever you think.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps taking my rubber, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Keep it in your hand, dear.  
Hide it up your vest.  
Swallow it if you like, love.  
Do what you think best.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps calling me rude names, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Lock yourself in the cupboard, dear.  
Run away to sea.  
Do whatever you can, my flower.  
But don't ask me!

Allan Ahlberg

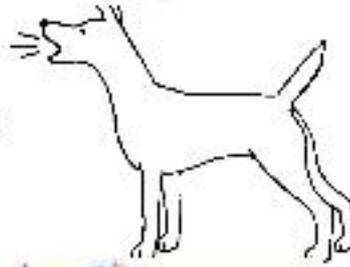


## The Sound Collector

A stranger came this morning  
Dressed all in black and grey  
Put every sound into a bag  
And carried them away  
The whistling of the kettle  
The turning of the lock  
The purring of the kitten  
The ticking of the clock



The popping of the toaster  
The crunching of the flakes  
When you spread the marmalade  
The scraping noise it makes



The hissing of the frying-pan  
The ticking of the grill  
The bubbling of the bathtub  
As it starts to fill



The drumming of the raindrops  
On the window-pane  
When you do the washing-up  
The gurgle of the drain

The crying of the baby  
The squeaking of the chair  
The swishing of the curtain  
The creaking of the stair



A stranger called this morning  
He didn't leave his name  
Left us only silence  
Life will never be the same.



by Roger McGough



## The Worries

At night-time, as I lie in bed,  
The Worries swirl around my head:

What if I'm late for school?  
What if I blush and feel a fool?

What if I fail the test?  
What if I did not try my best?

What if they call me names?  
What if I can't join in their games?

What if my report's bad?  
What if my Dad gets very mad?

What if aliens kidnap me?  
What if I shrink to the size of a pea?

## Happy poem

Happy as a rainbow  
Happy as a bee  
Happy as a dolphin  
Splashing in the sea

Happy as bare feet  
Running on the beach  
Happy as a sunflower  
Happy as a peach

Happy as a poppy  
Happy as a spoon  
Dripping with honey  
Happy as June

Happy as a banjo  
Plucking on a tune  
Happy as a Sunday  
Lazy afternoon

Happy as a memory  
Shared by two  
Happy as me....  
When I'm with you!

### Who'll Go, If You'll Go

Do you know Hugo?

He'll go if I'll go

And Hugh'll go, if you'll go.

So.... Hugo'll go and Hugh'll go

If I go and you go.

That's who'll go, if you'll go.

### Peter Piper Picked a Peck of Picked Peppers

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;  
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked;  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper  
picked?

### Shaun Short's Short Shorts

Shaun Short bought some shorts.

The shorts were shorter than Shaun Short thought.

Shaun Short's short shorts were so short,

Shaun Short thought, Shaun, you ought

Not to have bought shorts so short.

On the Ning Nang Nong

*By Spike Milligan*

On the Ning Nang Nong  
Where the Cows go Bong!  
and the monkeys all say BOO!

There's a Nong Nang Ning  
Where the trees go Ping!  
And the tea pots jibber jabber joo.

On the Nong Ning Nang  
All the mice go Clang  
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!

So its Ning Nang Nong  
Cows go Bong!  
Nong Nang Ning  
Trees go ping  
Nong Ning Nang  
The mice go Clang

What a noisy place to belong  
is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!!