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CLASS A

Humpty Dumpty ... in Space

by Ian Bland

Humpty Dumpty packed up his case

Humpty Dumpty flew off to space

The King's men called Humpty for all they were worth

But Humpty just wouldn't

Come back down to Earth!

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CLASS B

The Alien

by Julie Holder

The alien
Was as round as the moon
Five legs he had
And his ears played a tune
His hair was pink
And his knees were green,
He was the funniest thing I'd seen
As he danced in the door
Of his strange spacecraft
He looked at me –
And laughed and laughed!

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CLASS C

The Spinning Earth

by Aileen Fisher

The earth, they say,
spins round and round.
It doesn't look it
from the ground,
and never makes a spinning sound.

And water never
swirls and swishes
from oceans full
of dizzy fishes,
and shelves don't lose
their pans and dishes.

And houses don't go whirling by,
or puppies swirl around the sky,
or robins spin instead of fly.

It may be true
what people say
about one spinning
night and day...
but I keep wondering, anyway.

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CLASS D

Today I Wrote this Poem

by Kenn Nesbitt

Today I wrote this poem,
but I'm not sure if it's good.
It doesn't have the things
my teacher says a poem should.
It doesn't share the feelings
I have deep inside of me.
It hasn't any metaphors
and not one simile.
It's missing any narrative.
Alliteration too.
It isn't an acrostic,
diamante, or haiku.
There's nothing that's personified.
It doesn't have a plot.
I'm pretty sure that rhyming
is the only thing it's got.
It sure was fun to write it,
and I think it's long enough.
It's just too bad it's missing
all that great poetic stuff.
I put it on my teacher's desk
and, wow, she made a fuss.
She handed back my poem
with an A++++!

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CLASS E

A Pin Has A Head, But Has No Hair

by Christina Rossetti

A pin has a head, but has no hair;
A clock has a face, but no mouth there;
Needles have eyes, but they cannot see;
A fly has a trunk without lock or key;
A timepiece may lose, but cannot win;
A corn-field dimples without a chin;
A hill has no leg, but has a foot;
A wine-glass a stem, but not a root;
A watch has hands, but no thumb or finger;
A boot has a tongue, but is no singer;
Rivers run, though they have no feet;
A saw has teeth, but it does not eat;
Ash-trees have keys, yet never a lock;
And baby crows, without being a cock.