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BUBBLES

I like bubbles
in the air,
In the bathtub,
everywhere.

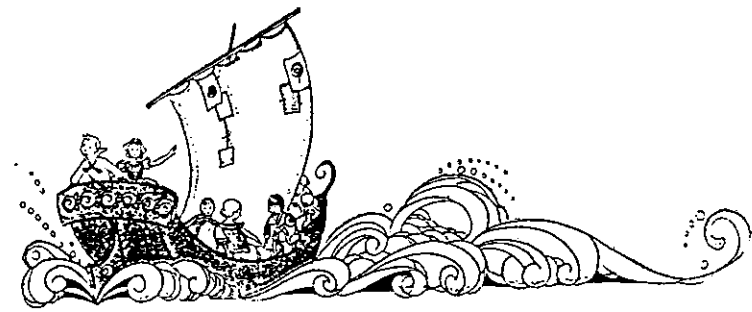
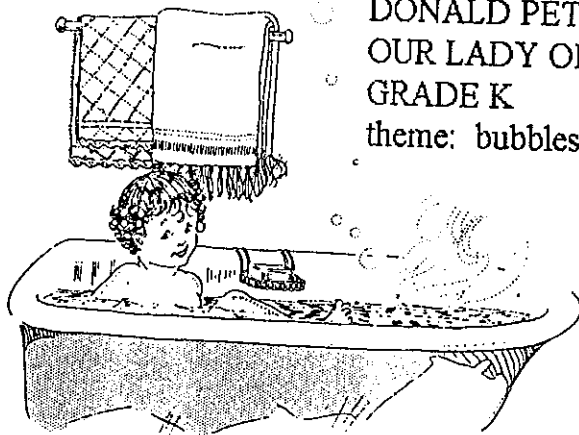
Water and soap
and shampoo
Make funny bubbles
For me and you.

I like to blow
my bubbles outside
in my backyard
where I like to hide

And after I eat
and before I pray
I'll blow one last bubble
for the day.



DONALD PETRUZZI
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
GRADE K
theme: bubbles



MAGIC

My Wish
I wish I could float
like I was sailing in a boat

I wish I could fly
and touch the sky

I wish I was big
I wish I was small
Oh how I wished
for it all.



KAITLYN SCOTT
EAST FARMS SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: magic

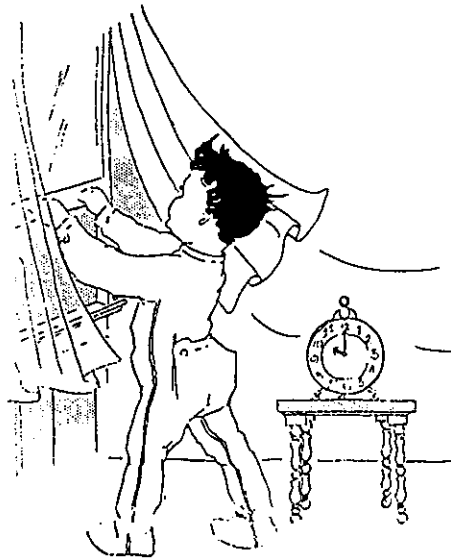




NIGHT NOISES

I can hear the wind in the night
I can't go to sleep.
The wind "shhhs" in the night
And sometime it says my name

MICHELLE JACOVINO
ST. LUCY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: night noises



WINTER

On a cold winter day
I wake up and say
I wish it was May
But instead of staying in bed
I jump up and grab my sled
and head for the hill
with my Cousin Bill
Where we sled all day
and finally say
I am glad it's not May.

MARGARET MORIARTY
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: winter



I DREAMED I WAS LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY

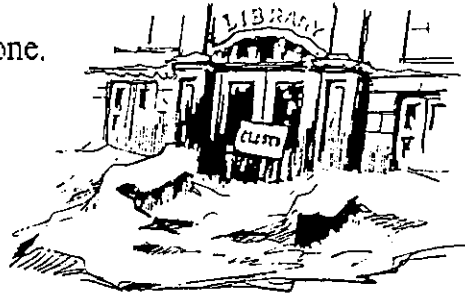
The door was locked tight,
And I was alone.
The place was so eerie
That I was chilled to the bone.

Suddenly I felt
A nudge against my arm
I turned around slowly
So filled with alarm.

But there was no need to worry,
Nothing to fear.
I saw friendly faces
All coming near.

One by one
My favorite characters came
And most of the writers
That I called by name.

Down the aisles they were coming
As far as I could see
Smiling and laughing
To keep me company.



There was Scrooge and old Marley,
Amy Beth, Meg, and Jo,
Alexandre Dumas,
Chatting with Edgar Allan Poe.

Next came Nancy Drew, the detective,
And the menacing Mr. Hyde,
Sweet Mary Lenox,
Followed by Frankenstein's bride.

Through the night these friends stayed.
Not a thing went wrong
As we talked and told stories
That whole night long.

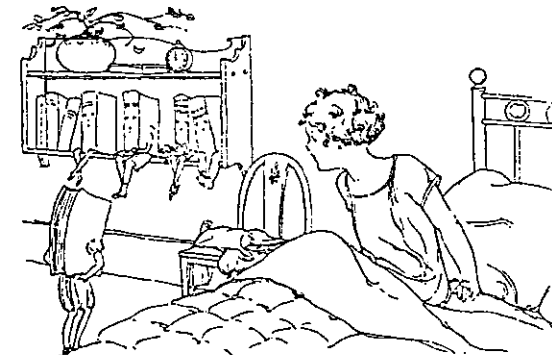
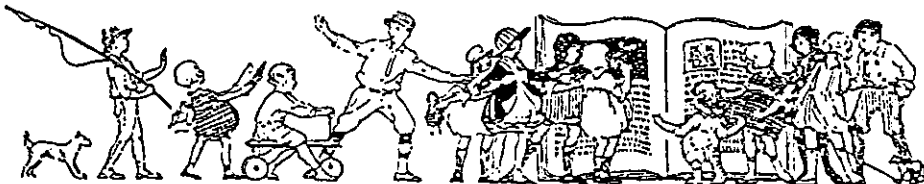
Thinking back to that night
Gives me such pleasure.
Now I have memories and friendships
That I will always treasure.

REGAN FLYNN

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

GRADE 4

theme: I dreamed I was locked in the library



IF I COULD BE A...
If I Could Be A Cat



If I could be a cat,
I would
seldom interfere
with other people's rights.
Because my great feline
Intelligence
would prevent me
from doing many of the
Fool things
That might complicate my life.

I would
Be an indoor-outdoor cat
So I might sample a
Delicious morsel of food
And then run outside to
Catch myself a sweet snack
And come inside just in time
For an afternoon nap.

And I would think about
How there are people
Who spend their lives trying
To reshape the world by force,
Argument, and
Discussion.

But I,
The cat,
Would just lie there
Dozing,
And the world would quietly reshape
By itself
To suit my own
Convenience and comfort.

MAUREEN THOMPSON
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: If I could be a...



FRIENDS

A lonely soul left alone,
heart tattered, life shattered.
Looking for a friendship to own.
It's been a while
since I've smiled.
That is the style;
when emotions are battered.

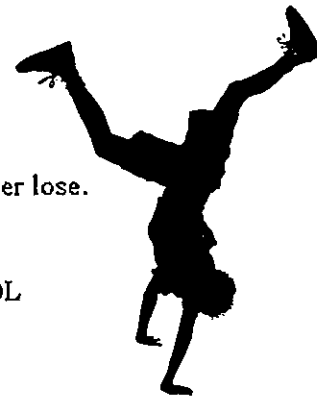
Then it happened,
very unclearly;
he befriended me
yet gradually.

A life saver,
who stopped the invader
of despair that was filling my life

Now I'm no longer alone
I finally have a friendship to own.

It's been awhile;
since I've smiled.
Now I'm smiling
laughing, compiling
millions of wonderful feelings.
Heart repaired,
life almost snared
by the trap of deep despair.
But my friend;
saved me, rescued me
whichever phrase you choose,
I hope this is a friendship I never lose.

EVAN MCBRIDE
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: friends



I CAUGHT IT

I knew it was coming,
My bones told me so.
No matter how much I tried to hide,
I had nowhere to go.

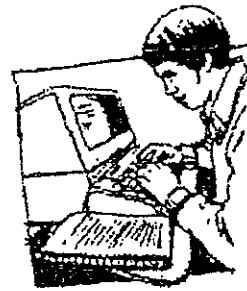
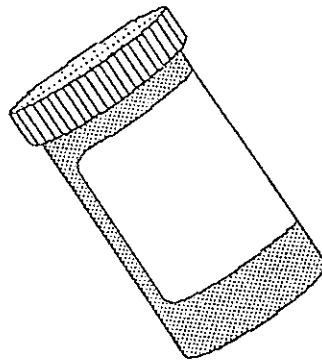
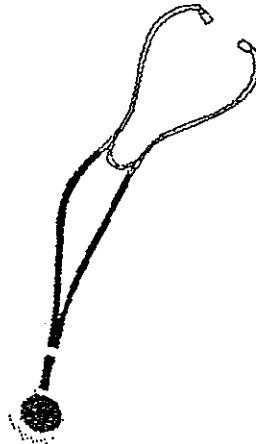
I got a warm feeling,
from my toes to my head.
I knew it was coming,
So I stayed in bed.

Oh! What an experience.
It brought me to tears.
It made me feel
Like I had cotton in my ears.

It started as a trickle,
Then as a steady flow.
My nose was soon a river,
It needed frequent blows.

They send men to the moon
And split atoms, I am told
But I caught it
A lousy common cold.

STEPHEN MIRTO
ST. LUCY SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: I caught it



I WISH I HAD

I wish I had a Gateway computer,
So that my mistakes would be fewer.

I wish I had over 3,000 dollars,
So I could afford it and the power.

In this computer I would have a modem,
So I can get help with this poem.

After this poem has been read,
I'll ask people about it on the web.

STEPHEN WELL
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: I wish I had



HONORABLE MENTION

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K - ANDREW FAZO	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
1 - COURTNEY DELILLA	East Farms
2 - QUINESHIA BROWN	Children's Community
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4 - MATTHEW WILDMAN	B.W. Tinker
5 - JEANNE JOLIAT	St. Margaret's
6 - BART LORANCAITIS	West Side Middle
7 - STEPHANIE DELLANNO	St. Margaret's
8 - KRISTEN SPINO	St. Francis Xavier

BUBBLES

Bubbles, bubbles
In my hair
Bubble, bubbles
Everywhere
Bubbles, bubbles
In my bath
bubbles, bubbles
Make me laugh
Bubbles, bubbles
In the tub
Bubbles, bubbles
Make me scrub
When I get out,
Why don't they stay?
Down the drain,
They go away.

ANDREW FAZO
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
GRADE K
theme: bubbles

MAGIC

I believe in magic
of course you know it's true,
I love to watch the magician
to see what he will do.
And right before me where I sat,
out popped a rabbit from his hat.
Although I wished it was a cat.
I was amazed to see all that.

COURTNEY DELILLA
EAST FARMS SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: magic

NIGHT NOISES

When I think of night noises it gives me a fright.
Do you shiver at noises?
I thought you might.
Sometimes I think someone's under my bed
so I take my pillow and hide my head.
I hate night noises as you can see.
but dear old dad comforts me.

QUINESHIA BROWN
CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: night noises

WINTER

Winter brings cold weather
And snow, snow, snow galore,
The snow is light as a feather
As it hits the grassy floor.

We build ourselves a snowman
And ice skate on a lake,
We sure won't get a sun tan
It's freezing for heavens sake.

Although we have fun the season
I will be happy when it is done,
I'll give you a very good reason
Spring + Summer will also be fun!

CHEYENNE VALENT
B.W. TINKER SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: winter

I DREAMED I WAS LOCKED IN THE LIBRARY

I dreamed I was locked in the library,
And "oh" what an adventure it was!
I sailed the might Seven Seas
With Captain Hook upon his knees.
I fought the pirates from the plank
Until the ship finally sank.

I was Captain Ahab's partner,
And sailed across the sea.
We hunted Moby Dick together
And received an enormous fee.

I landed at Treasure Island
With Captain Blackbeard well in charge.
He found me sitting on a rock,
And took me to a barge.

The adventures were about to continue,
When suddenly I heard a noise.
I sat up quickly and looked around.
And noticed all my toys.

It was then that I realized,
The barge was just my bed.
And I knew that all those visions...
Were only in my head.

MATTHEW WILDMAN
B.W. TINKER SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: I dreamed I was locked in the library

IF I COULD BE A...
If I Could Be A Statue

Cold, lifeless, white, marble smooth as silk
Still, quiet as death itself
Standing all alone.
In a forest long forgotten
Ivy creeping over me
Sunlight dappling through a tree
A breeze stirring a twig in a
bird's nest on my shoulder
The sweet perfume of rainbowed
flowers drifting by

JEANNE JOLIAT
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 5

theme: If I could be a...

FRIENDS

Whenever you feel lonely, whenever you feel sad,
Friends are always there to make you feel glad.
Best friends are very hard to find,
They're like diamonds hidden in a mine.
Best friends will never let you down,
Unlike your sisters and brothers,
Who'll throw you on the ground.
Best friends don't live with you at home,
But you can call them on the phone.
You know who's a true friend from the start
You can feel it in your heart.
My friends are always full of fun
We love to play sports in the sun.
The world would be very blue,
Without best friends like you!

BART LORANCAITIS
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6

theme: friends

I CAUGHT IT

I was at the amusement park,
and on the fastest ride,
and knowing me, how loud I scream,
my mouth was opened wide.

My head was bobbing up and down,
my stomach tied in knots,
and after awhile I began to see
these little purple dots.
But one of them was flying around
so fast I couldn't see, that the
buzzing little devil was aiming right for me.

My mouth was opened oh so wide
and I really never thought it,
until it flew right in my mouth
and that was when I caught it!

STEPHANIE DELLANNO
ST. MARGARET
GRADE 7
theme: I caught it

I WISH I HAD

I wish I had more self-esteem -
If you're not a girl you won't know what I mean.

Always worrying about your looks, your hair, your weight,
and of course about looking great.
People tell me I look just fine -
but I see nothing and it goes right through my mind.

I wish I had the power to realize who I really am -
many people tell me things that I don't understand.

I try to keep my pride up high -
but I go through life with just a sigh.

Deep down inside I know there are good points about me -
but who cares if I don't wear a perfect size 3!!

I wish I could accept the compliments people say -
instead of disagreeing and looking the other way.

As time goes by I hope I learn to see -
I'm not that bad, because I am ME!!

KRISTEN SPINO
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
GRADE: 8
theme: I wish I had

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