

OUR LITTLE BUDGIE

MOTHER SAID 'OUR BUDGIES DEAD
NOW YOU MUST BE VERY BRAVE.
GO INTO THE GARDEN SHED
AND GET YOUR LITTLE SPADE.'

I WENT INTO THE GARDEN SHED
AND I GOT MY LITTLE SPADE.
IT WAS THEN I TRIED TO BE A MAN,
AND DIG HIS LITTLE GRAVE.

I THOUGHT HE MUST HAVE A COFFIN,
OR SOMETHING TO PUT HIM IN.
THEN I HAD A SUDDEN THOUGHT,
HOW ABOUT A COCOA TIN?

I EXPLAINED IT ALL TO MOTHER,
WHO MUCH TO MY SURPRISE SAID
'I WILL PUT THE COCOA INTO A JAR,
NOW GO AND DRY YOUR EYES'

I PUT OUR BUDGIE INTO THE TIN,
BUT HIS TAIL WAS SICKING OUT.
I HADN'T GOT ANYTHING TO CHOP IT OFF,
SO I PULLED THE FEATHERS OUT!

I DROPPED THE TIN INTO THE HOLE
WHICH LOOKED SO VERY DEEP.
THEN I HAD A HORRIBLE THOUGHT,
WHAT IF OUR BUDGIE WAS ONLY ASLEEP?

I PUSHED THE SOIL BACK INTO THE HOLE,
AND I THEN LOOKED TO HEAVEN.
TO SEE IF ANYONE WAS WATCHING ME,
WELL I HAD ONLY JUST TURNED SEVEN!

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Sat 12th & Sun 13th April 10am - 4pm

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On Sunday

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