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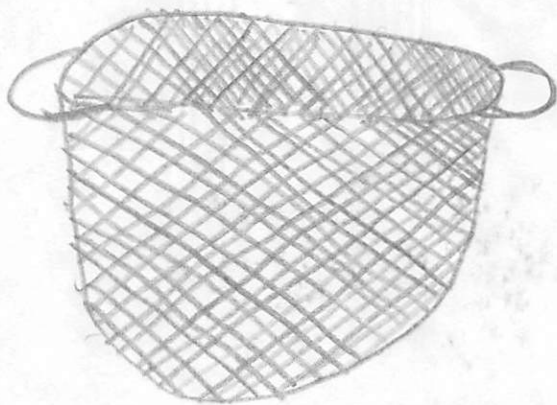
We were watching the news
One cold, rainy day;
When we heard the weatherman
Soberly say:

"There's going to be an earthquake;
It's going to be a bad one,
And it's going to happen
Right here around Manhattan."





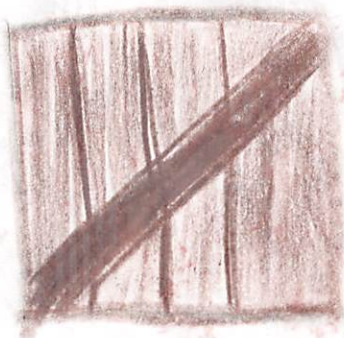
"Oh, my gosh," said the squash.



"That's where we live,"
said the sieve.



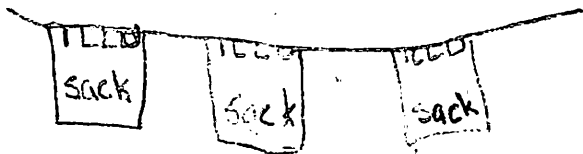
"Oh, DARN!" said the barn.



"He'll fall," said the wall.



"You're not helping!"
Said the dog, yelping.



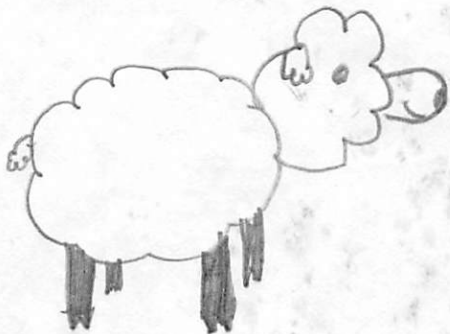
"He'll be fine," said the line.



"Are you sure?"
Asked the cat with a purr.

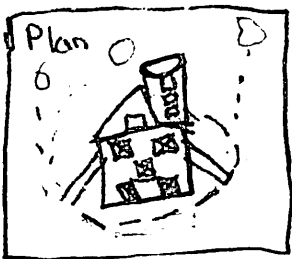


"Don't be in sorrow,"
Said the wheelbarrow.



"Don't weep," said the sheep.

Tomorrow was the day,
The day when they planned;
They planned and planned
To make the barn stand.

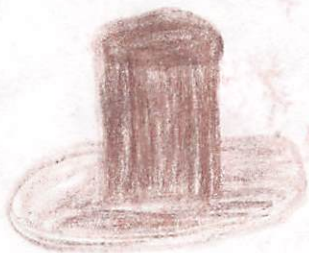




They put up the wood--
Held it up with clay.
"This barn has to stay,"
Remarked the hay.



"Put it up good;
Put it up high;
Because if it falls,
We will all die!"



"I'm sure of that," said the hat.



"We have to work,"
Said Rat McJerk.



"And really try,"
Said the fly.



"Right NOW!" said the cow.



"Okay," said the hay.

They worked all night,
They worked all day;
That barn surely
Had to stay!

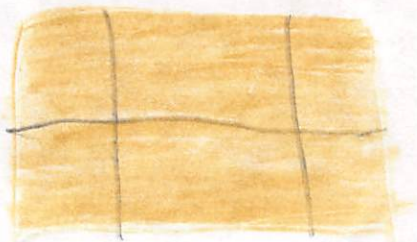


They felt it coming
Across the field;
They should have put up
A giant shield!



The barn fell
Everything was dead--
All that was left
Was a little shed.





"Did we fail?" asked the bale.



"Yes, we did," said the lid.



"Oh, DARN!" said Mr. Barn.

About the Author

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