

Whole Class Lesson Poem

Things

--Eloise Greenfield

Went to the corner
Walked in the store
Bought me some candy
Ain't got it no more
Ain't got it no more

Went to the beach
Played on the shore
Built me a sandhouse
Ain't got it no more
Ain't got it no more

Went to the kitchen
Lay down on the floor
Made me a poem
Still got it
Still got it

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"Things" by Eloise Greenfield, *Honey I Love and other love poems*, HarperCollins Publishers, 1978

"Caterpillar" by Christina Rossetti,
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"Moving" by Eileen Spinelli, *Where is the Night Train Going?*, Boyds Mills Press, 1996

"Mom and Dad" by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater, The Poem Farm, March 2012

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"Teased" by Richard J. Margolis, *Secrets of a Small Brother*, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 1984

Independent Practice Poems

Caterpillar

--Christina Rossetti

Brown and furry
Caterpillar in a hurry,
take your walk
To the shady leaf, or stalk,
Or what not,
Which may be the chosen spot.
No toad spy you,
Hovering bird of prey pass by you;
Spin and die,
To live again a butterfly.

Moving

--Eileen Spinelli

We are moving away
So I must say good-bye
To my room and my swing
And that sweet part of sky
That sometimes hangs blue
And sometimes hang gray
Over the fields
Where I used to play.
Good-bye to my old friends
Jason and Sue
They wave from their porches.
Are they crying too?
The moving truck rumbles
Past all that I know—
The school and the woods
And the creek down below.
And everything seems
To be pleading
“Don’t go!”

Mom and Dad

--Amy Ludwig VanDerwater

I keep a toothbrush
Here
 And
 There.

Just need to pack
My teddy bear.

Hello Mom

Goodbye Dad.

One hug happy.
 One hug sad.

Small Group Lesson Poem

Teased

--Richard J. Margolis

Sometimes
when I'm teased
I don't cry,
I go away.

When I come back
my brother and his friends
are doing something else.
I remember
They forget.