

Preliminary Grade Poems

2025/26

1. Soggy Greens

by John Cunliffe

Oh, soggy greens, I hate you,
I hate your sloppy slush;
And if my Mum would let me,
I'd throw you in a bush.

Oh, apple pie, I love you,
I love your crunchy crust;
And if my Mum would let me,
I'd eat you till I burst!

2. The Little Turtle

by Vachel Lindsay

There was a little turtle
He lived in a box
He swam in a puddle
He climbed on the rocks.

He snapped at a mosquito,
He snapped at a flea.
He snapped at a minnow.
And he snapped at me.

He caught the mosquito.
He caught the flea.
He caught the minnow.
But he didn't catch me.

3. Mice

By Rose Fyleman

I think Mice are rather nice.
Their tails are long, their faces small,
they haven't any chins at all.
Their ears are pink, their teeth are
white,
they run about the house at night.
They nibble things they shouldn't touch,
and no one seems to like them much.
But I think Mice are nice.

4. After a Bath

By Aileen Fisher

After a bath, I try, try, try
To wipe myself til I'm dry, dry,
dry.
Hands to wipe and fingers and
toes,
And two wet legs and a shiny nose.
Just think how much less time I'd
take
If I were a dog and could shake,
shake, shake!

