

## **1) I TOOK MY DOGGY FOR A WALK**

I took my doggy for a walk.

I thought it would be fun.

The moment that we got outside

he took off at a run.

I gripped the handle of his leash.

It instantly pulled tight.

My dog was strong. He ran so fast

I practically took flight.

He pulled me through the neighborhood.

(My doggy likes to roam.)

I bumped and bounced and banged around

until he ran back home.

So now I'm bruised and battered

like a ratty, tattered rag.

I took my doggy for a walk.

He took me for a drag.

- *Kenn Nesbitt*

## **2) DREAMING OF SUMMER**

I'm dreaming of warm sandy beaches.

I'm dreaming of days by the pool.

I'm dreaming of fun in the afternoon sun,  
and week after week of no school.

I'm thinking of swim suits and sprinklers,  
imagining lemonade stands.

I'm lost in a daydream of squirt guns and ice cream  
and plenty of time on my hands.

I'm picturing baseball and hot dogs,  
Envisioning games at the park,  
and how it stays light until late every night,  
and seems like it never gets dark.

I long to ride skateboards and scooters.

I want to wear t-shirts and shorts.

I'd go for a hike, or I'd ride on my bike,  
or play lots of summertime sports.

My reverie turns to a yearning  
to draw on the driveway with chalk.  
It's really a bummer to daydream of summer  
while shoveling snow from the walk.

- *Kenn Nesbitt*

### **3) BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE**

I come with no wrapping or pretty pink bows.

I am who I am, from my head to my toes.

I tend to get loud when speaking my mind.

Even a little crazy some of the time.

I'm not a size 5 and don't care to be.

You can be you and I can be me.

I try to stay strong when pain knocks me down.

And the times that I cry are when no one's around.

To error is human or so that's what they say.

Well, tell me who's perfect anyway.

- *S. Raine*

#### **4) CORRECT SPELLING**

Witches spend no time at all

On TV or on comics.

They spend eight hours each day at school

On Witch Home Economics.

They learn the latest recipes

For most black-magic charms.

They know the best ingredients

To cause deep, dark alarms.

These witches stick to basics.

That truth I have to tell.

The modern witch, though trendy.

Knows so well how to spell!

*- John Kitching*

## 5) MY SCHOOL PROMISE

Each day I'll do my best  
And I won't do any less.  
My work will always please me,  
And I won't accept a mess.

I'll colour very carefully,  
My writing will be neat.  
And I will not be happy,  
Till my papers are complete.

I'll always do my homework,  
And try my best on every test.  
I won't forget my promise,  
To do my very best!

- *Author unknown*

## 6) **HOMEWORK! OH, HOMEWORK!**

Homework! Oh, Homework!

I hate you! You stink!

I wish I could wash you away in the sink,  
if only a bomb  
would explode you to bits.

Homework! Oh, homework!

You're giving me fits.

I'd rather take baths  
with a man-eating shark,  
or wrestle a lion  
alone in the dark,  
eat spinach and liver,  
pet ten porcupines,  
than tackle the homework,  
my teacher assigns.

Homework! Oh, homework!

you're last on my list,  
I simple can't see  
why you even exist,  
if you just disappeared  
it would tickle me pink.

Homework! Oh, homework!

I hate you! You stink!

- *Jack Prelutsky*