



CONTENTS



POEM

The Hero of the Match
What Turkey Doing?
Please Mrs Butler
The Fairies
November Night Countdown
Dover Beach
Song of the Worms
The Dolly on the Dustcart
Matilda
The Tiger
Starter
from The Pied Piper of Hamelin
November Evening
Jabberwocky
Colonel Fazackerley
Hallowe'en
I Think My Teacher Is a Cowboy
from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
Kenneth
Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf
The Listeners
A Slash of Blue
Please Sir!!
The Bird's Nest
The Lion and Albert
The Word Party
Macavity: The Mystery Cat
Water Voles and Moles
Cats
The Tree in Season
Four o'Clock Friday
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

POET

Neil Adams	2
John Agard	5
Allan Ahlberg	6
William Allingham	7
Moirra Andrew	9
Matthew Arnold	10
Margaret Atwood	12
Pam Ayres	13
Hilaire Belloc	15
William Blake	17
Tony Bradman	18
Robert Browning	18
Gerald Bullett	19
Lewis Carroll	20
Charles Causley	21
Leonard Clark	22
John Coldwell	23
Samuel Taylor Coleridge	24
Wendy Cope	25
Roald Dahl	27
Walter de la Mare	29
Emily Dickinson	30
Peter Dixon	31
John Drinkwater	32
Marriott Edgar	33
Richard Edwards	36
T. S. Eliot	37
Gavin Ewart	39
Eleanor Farjeon	39
Robert Fisher	40
John Foster	41
Robert Frost	42





Ducks' Ditty	Kenneth Grahame	43
Paying Calls	Thomas Hardy	43
The Painting Lesson	Trevor Harvey	44
Mid-term Break	Seamus Heaney	45
Lullaby	Adrian Henri	46
The Story of Little Suck-a-Thumb	Dr Hoffmann	47
From Carnival to Cabbage and Rain	Julie Holder	48
The Old Brown Horse	W. F. Holmes	49
I Remember, I Remember	Thomas Hood	50
Amulet	Ted Hughes	51
Abou Ben Adhem	Leigh Hunt	52
Greedy Dog	James Hurley	53
Friends	Elizabeth Jennings	54
My Best Ice Cream	Terry Jones	55
Old Meg	John Keats	56
A Smuggler's Song	Rudyard Kipling	57
Gran's XI	John Kitching	59
The Owl and the Pussy-Cat	Edward Lear	60
Poem for My Sister	Liz Lochhead	61
<i>from</i> The Song of Hiawatha	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	62
Prince Kano	Edward Lowbury	64
The Snowman	Wes Magee	65
The Magic Piper	E. L. Marsh	66
Sea-fever	John Masefield	67
In Flanders Fields	Lt. Col. John McCrae	68
The Sound Collector	Roger McGough	69
Sometimes I Think You Don't Listen to a Word I Say!	Colin McNaughton	70
On the Ning Nang Nong	Spike Milligan	71
Rat It Up	Adrian Mitchell	72
Overheard on a Saltmarsh	Harold Monro	74
Adventures of Isabel	Ogden Nash	75
Brian's Picnic	Judith Nicholls	77
Wha Me Mudder Do	Grace Nichols	78
The Highwayman	Alfred Noyes	79
Excuses, Excuses	Gareth Owen	83
The Race to Get to Sleep	Brian Patten	85





Aunts and Uncles	Mervyn Peake	87
Homework! Oh, Homework!	Jack Prelutsky	89
A Martian Sends a Postcard Home	Craig Raine	90
The Sea	James Reeves	92
A Spell for Sleeping	Alastair Reid	93
Eletelephony	Laura E. Richards	94
If You Don't Put Your Shoes on Before I Count Fifteen	Michael Rosen	94
Flint	Christina Rossetti	96
The Visitor	Ian Serraillier	97
<i>from</i> Fox in Socks	Dr Seuss	98
Witches' Chant <i>from</i> Macbeth	William Shakespeare	99
Penguin Complaints	Jo Shapcott	100
Little Abigail and the Beautiful Pony	Shel Silverstein	102
Jack Frost in the Garden	John P. Smeeton	104
Homework	Elizabeth Smith	105
I Can't Find My Teddy Bear	Ian Souter	106
From a Railway Carriage	Robert Louis Stevenson	107
Dog in Space	Matthew Sweeney	108
A Riddle	Jonathan Swift	108
The Stars at Night	Jane and Ann Taylor	109
The Lady of Shalott	Alfred, Lord Tennyson	110
October	Edward Thomas	116
A Dragon in the Classroom	Charles Thomson	117
Far Over the Misty Mountains	J. R. R. Tolkien	118
The Hairy Toe	Traditional	120
The Day I Fell Down the Toilet	Steven Turner	122
When Betty Eats Spaghetti	Colin West	123
The Grateful Dragon	Raymond Wilson	124
The Daffodils	William Wordsworth	126
The Magic Box	Kit Wright	127
The Fear	Andrew Young	128
Little Sister	Benjamin Zephaniah	129
Index of First Lines		130
Contributing Schools		134
Acknowledgements		136

