

Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
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Choice A

Things I'd Do If It Weren't For Mum

by Tony Mitton

Live on cola, crisps and cake.
Trade the gerbil for a snake.
Fall asleep in front of the telly.
Only wash when I'm really smelly.
Leave my clothes all scattered about.
Play loud music, scream and shout.
Do what I feel like with my hair.
Throw tantrums. Belch loud. Swear.
Paint my bedroom red and black.
Leave the dishes in a stack.
Find out what it's like to be me.
Let this list grow long...Get free!

PS Take my savings in my hand.
Buy a ticket to Laserland.

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Diving Lesson

by Stephen Clarke

Our sports teacher looked like an Olympic contender,
sleek as a dolphin piercing the water.

He barely made a splash when he dived in
cutting the surface clean as a shark's fin.

Next he strode towards the high spring-board
stepped forward, bounced and up he soared

like an arrow above the sparkling blue
homing in, straight and true.

Then tucking up in a spinning ball,
He gobsmacked the crowd who watched his fall.

But he missed his timing, lost the plot.
He splashed down with a mighty belly-flop.

And things got worse, worse by a lot:
as he sunk to the bottom, his shorts floated up.