

# This Is Me

Love in my heart,  
A football at my feet.  
Put a book in my hand  
And I am complete.



# Green Shoots Rising

On this wonderful planet of ours  
Nearly everyone agrees  
That we can't go on like this  
With melting ice caps and rising seas.

The wave of change is rolling,  
So it's not at all surprising  
That this is the time to see and to be  
The green shoots rising.



# Our Island

We live on an island  
Surrounded by the sea.  
Our seas are rather chilly  
And although some chillies are ever so hot,  
The seas around Great Britain  
Are definitely not!



# Big Bird

Big bird on a bin,  
Can't get in,  
Too big, not thin,  
This big, hungry bird on a bin.

Prises lid open,  
Squawks with delight,  
Thinks it's won  
The bird bin fight.

Loses balance,  
Falls in.  
Not so clever now,  
This big bird in a bin.

Lid slams shut,  
It's bin day.  
Bin tips up,  
Lorry moves away.

Big bird now  
Not in bin.  
Big bird now  
Trapped within.



Rumbling lorry  
On way to tip,  
Big bird in mess  
After one costly slip.

Big bird gives  
A plaintive squawk,  
No one around  
To hear it talk.

Lorry reaches tip,  
Out the rubbish tumbles.  
Lorry off on next job,  
Driver gently grumbles.

Big bird covered in rubbish,  
Mess and goo.

Big bird feels groggy,  
You would too!

Big bird stretches its wings,  
Flaps woozily away.  
Enough big bird bin battles  
For one day.

# Hold On

Hold on to what you believe.  
Hold on to who you are.  
Hold on to those things  
That have served you well so far.

But don't forget to stretch out.  
Don't forget to reach.  
The world is a life long teacher  
So see what it has to teach.

And above all else,  
While enlarging your mind,  
Treat others as you would like to be treated.  
In other words: Be kind!



# Reading

Where will reading take you?

Every country,

Every culture,

Every place,

Every race.

Everywhere you place your eyes

Replaces the places

You can't place your feet,

With endlessly fascinating people

For you to meet.

Reading takes you

Everywhere.

