

## **STRANGWAYS**

Roger McGough

Granny's canary  
Escaped from its cage  
It's up on the roof  
In a terrible rage

Hurling abuse  
And making demands  
That granny fails  
To understand

'Lack of privacy'  
'Boring old food'  
It holds up placards  
Painted and rude

It's not coming down  
The canary warns  
Till gran carries out  
Major reforms.

The message has spread  
And now for days  
Cage-birds have been acting  
In very strange ways.

## **The Martians**

The Martians have taken my brother,  
I must say I'm glad that they did,  
I know it seems hard on my mother,  
but he was such a pain of a kid.

## **Here is the News from Space:**

Michael Rosen

The space News Agency Atmos report  
that the sun can be seen quite a lot  
these days,  
but not very much  
at night.

The spokesman in the moon said:  
'Hey diddle diddle  
the cat and the fiddle  
the cow jumped over the moon.  
The little dog laughed to see such fun  
and the dish ran away with the spoon.'

Venus police have issued identikit  
pictures  
of the cat and the cow, and  
a dish is being held for questioning.  
Police have put out a special appeal  
for any little dog at or near the moon  
at the time  
to come forward and help with further  
investigation  
of the affair.

## **The Vampire Duck:**

Brian Pattern

There's a vampire duck waddling  
about,  
You can hear its ghostly quack,  
Keep away from the pond at midnight  
Or the feathery fiend will attack.

## **FIRE**

Shirley Hughes

Fire is a dragon  
(Better beware),  
Dangerous and beautiful  
(Better take care).  
Puffing out smoke  
As soon as its lit,  
Licking up leaves,  
Crackle and spit!

Sending up sparks  
Into the sky  
That hover a moment  
And suddenly die.  
Fire is a dragon  
Alive in the night;  
Fiery dragon  
Glittering bright.

## **BUG WORDS**

(To be said when Grumpy)

Humbug  
Bugbear  
Bugaboo  
Bug bane  
Ladybug  
Bogybug  
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