

Pete McCoy the Famous Boy

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There is a world that's just like ours
With mobile phones and coffee bars

And kids like you and adults too
And birds that fly and cows that moo

Everything is just the same
Except one thing, and that is fame

For everybody over there
Is a famous millionaire

They all take pictures of each other
Show them to their mom and brother

Stunt plane pilots, movie stars
Guys in smash up derby cars

Every person wears dark glasses
And they all have backstage passes

All, that is, except one boy
A normal kid named Pete McCoy

Who didn't have a million bucks
Or motorcycle jump some trucks

He never trained a circus bear
Or sang in baggy underwear

Not too short and not too tall,
Too sharp or dull, too big or small

He was just a normal lad
Who loved his dog and mom and dad

At school one day, a boy named Matt
Who was a baseball mascot cat

Asked Pete what he was famous for
A work of art, or two, or more?

Was he a noted ballet dancer?
Had he found the cure for cancer?

Pete said he wasn't known at all
He'd never starred at basketball

Or won a TV game of Yahtzee
Then been chased by paparazzi

Word got out, and then around
"What? A normal boy's been found!"

The juggler told the TV cook
Who told the girl who wrote the book

The hockey players told the writers
Who blabbed it to the sumo fighters

That night a van came to his door
With ten reporters, maybe more

"We're here, live, with Pete McCoy
Who claims to be a normal boy

He's never swum with sharks or whales
Or made prosthetic hamster tails!"

Helicopters zoomed around
With mics and cameras on the ground

One day later Oprah phoned
She cancelled triplets that were cloned

She wanted Pete that very day
But channel four said they would pay

A million dollars for the rights
To follow Pete ten days and nights

The movies called, and TV too
Channels five through thirty two

Pete wrote a book and signed three deals
And begged the press to save the seals

He hired a famous fame adviser
And wore a diamond studded visor

He became the biggest thing
Since sugar coated silly string

And that is how our Pete McCoy
A very nice and normal boy

Became the most gigantic star
That world had ever seen, by far