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A short book of short poems to be read
aloud

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To my wife, daughter, and son.
You are the creatures under my bed.

1

The Wandering Eyes

The Wandering Eyes fly through the air.
Going from place to place.

Looking, seeking, searching,
for a home to call a face.

They never stop for long,
for every face they've spied,

Is already filled,
unfortunately occupied.

So on they float, two eyes on the breeze.
Going from town to town.

Talking to each other with blinks and winks,
never making a sound.

Climb up a hill and close your eyes
on some windy night.

And the Wandering Eyes might land on you,

and give you quite a fright.

2

The Something

Something moving.
There, in the dark.

The Something.
Out here,
with us.
In the dark.

What Something?

THE SOMETHING

Now, stay still.
The Something
is moving.

Perhaps,
its already
had its fill.

The Something
is moving on.

I think, I think,
we are safe.

OH NO, WATCH OUT!
RUN!
NO! IT'S TOO LATE!

3

A Toilet Monster

I've heard tale of a toilet monster,
Shaped something like a snake.

It likes to slither in the water.
It coils up and it waits.

It waits till you are right over,
Covering the hole.

Its plan is to grab you,
and drag you down below.

But don't worry, you are safe.
Its plan never gets a start.

For its made of toilet paper,
and soon it falls apart!

4

Stick Creatures

Dry and brittle.
Through mud they scuttle.

Always watchful.
For kids to tackle.

These stick creatures. Are blood thirsty.

Propped together.
Easily scattered.

Kick them swiftly.
They are no trouble.

Just a pester.
Such clumsy monsters.

5

Ghosts in my House

There is a ghost in my closet.
Behind a box of toys.
When playing, I close the door.
As he doesn't like the noise.

There is a ghost in my chimney.
She wails on windy nights.
So I keep the fire burning.
To show her everything's alright.

There is a ghost in my basement.
Who hides in corners and nooks.
She gets bored down there sometimes.
So I leave her lots of books.

There is a ghost in the hallway.
Who never comes out in day.
At night, she taps my doorway.
To ask if I can come out and play.