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Dedicated to Joanna Carey

For **René Magritte**, the Belgian surrealist artist who famously painted a realistic pipe and wrote underneath *"Ceci n'est pas une pipe."* (This is not a pipe.)





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Don't be slow.
Step right up to
The Nonsense Show!



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"I'm too wet!" said the Bird.
"I can't fly! It's absurd!"



"I'm too dry! How I wish
I could swim!" said the Fish.

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"Ouch!
Who's that in my pouch?"

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