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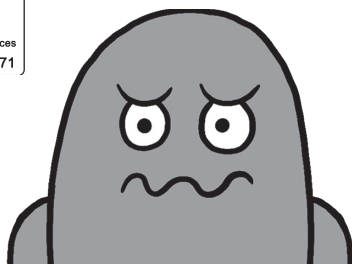
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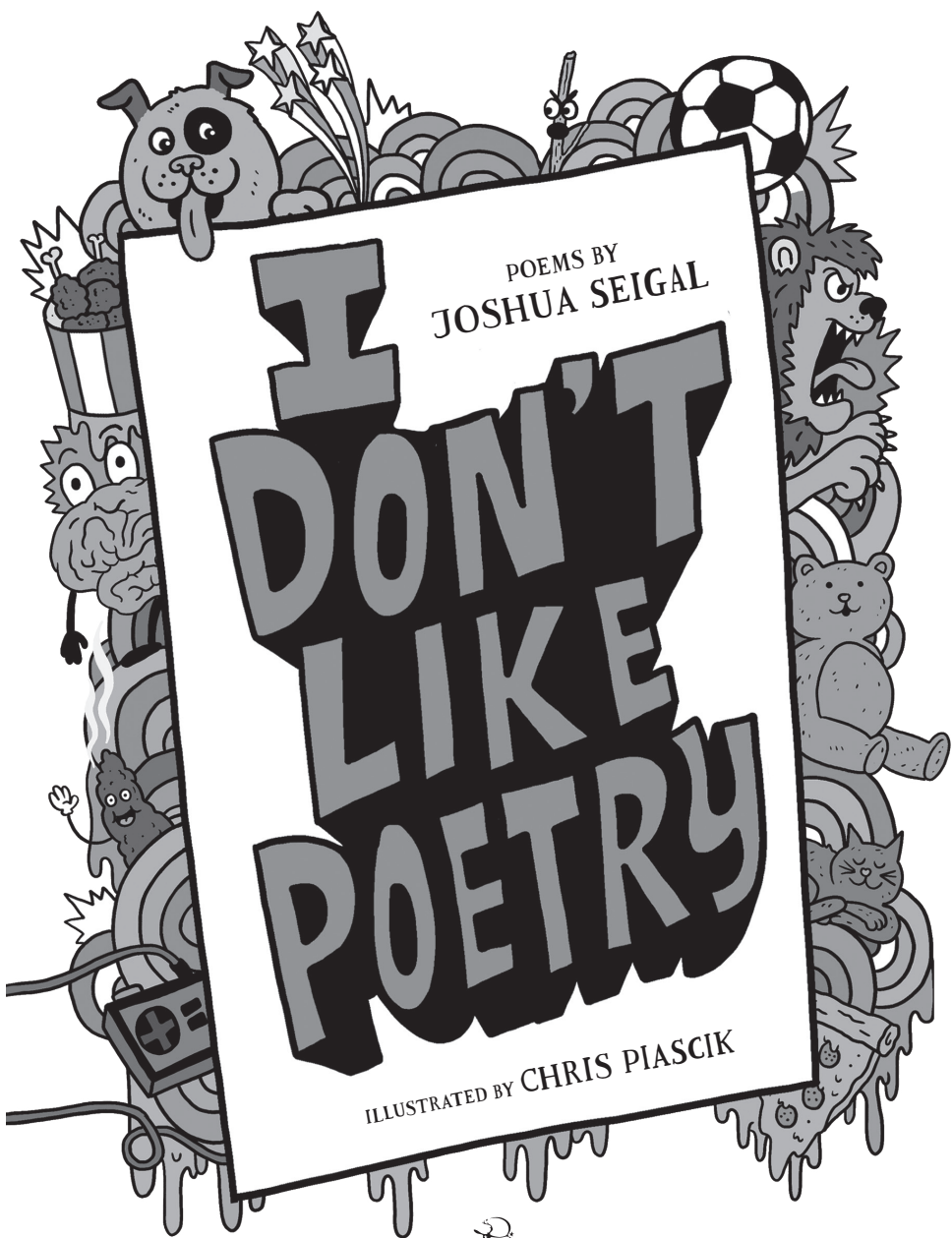
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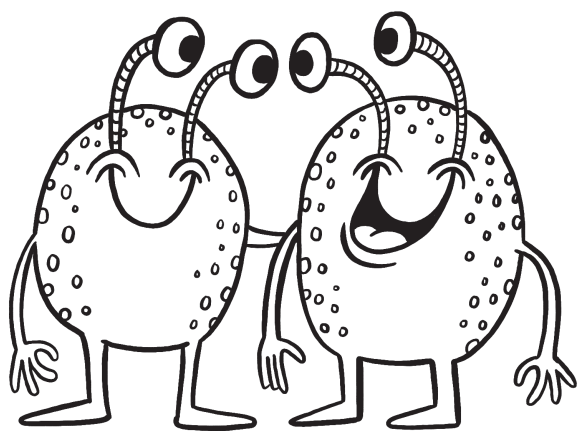
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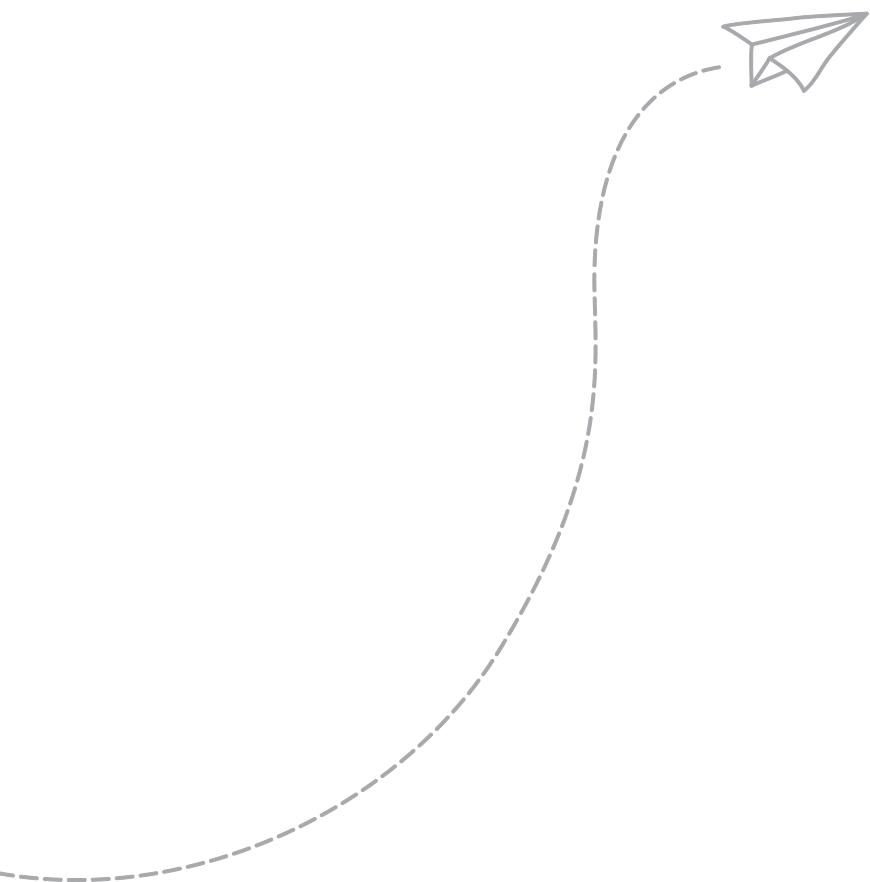
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Untitled

The title of this poem,
it will really catch your eye.

The title of this poem
doesn't even need to try.

The title of this poem
is the best one in the book.

The title of this poem
is amazing – come and look!

The title of this poem
will astound you, that's for sure;

you'll convulse in sheer wonder
and start rolling on the floor.

The title of this poem
is the finest. None is greater.

The title of this poem is...
I'll think of something later.

Resolutions

DAY 1

I won't be late for school again.

I won't swing in my seat.

I'll do my best on every test

and I will never cheat.

I'll help with chores around the house.

I won't get in a rage.

I'll get a broom and sweep my room

and clean the hamster's cage.

I'll put my money in the bank.

I won't spend it on sweets.

I'll make a pledge to eat more veg

and give up eating meat.

I'll go out jogging round the park.

I'll try hard to get fit.

I will not shirk, I'll do the work

and I will never quit.

I'll be the best that I can be,

improve in every way.

I will shine bright, and I will write

a poem every day!

DAY 2



I Don't Like Poetry

I don't like similes.

Every time I try to think of one
my brain feels like a vast, empty desert;
my eyes feel like raisins floating in an ocean;
my fingers feel like sweaty sausages.

I don't like metaphors.

Whenever I attempt them
a hammer starts beating in my chest;
lava starts bubbling in my veins;
zombies have a fight in my stomach.

I don't like alliteration.

We learnt about it in school
but it's seriously, stupendously silly;
definitely drastically difficult;
terribly, troublingly tricky.

I don't like onomatopoeia.

I wish I could blow it up
with a ZAP! and a BANG! and a CRASH!;
a BOOM! and a CLANG! and a POW!;
a CLASH! and a BAM! and a THUD!

And I don't like repetition

I don't like repetition

I don't like repetition...