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The Secret Life of Pants

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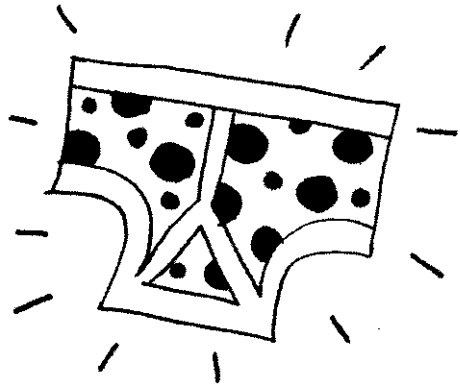
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In Praise of Pants



The Secret Life of Pants

I live with my mates
Screwed up in the drawer
Squashed flat at the back
Passed over. Ignored

Every day in the morning
We're all 'sorted out'
Snatched, grabbed and stared at
And twissled about

Whoever gets lucky
Is pulled on and worn
Which is nice
Because life on a bottom
Is warm!

But it doesn't last long
Till you hear yourself scream
As you're locked in and drowned
In the washing machine

Andrea Shavick

Fig Leaves

Adam's pants were fig leaves
They covered up his bot –
He found them in the bushes
So they didn't cost a lot.

Peter Dixon



The Proud Pants Parade

Silly ones and frilly ones,
Fragrant-as-a-lily ones.

Lacy ones and racy ones,
Extra big and spacey ones.

Spotty ones and dotty ones,
Raggy, baggy, grotty ones.

Cosy ones and rosy ones,
Pretty-as-a-posy ones.

Crummy ones and funny ones,
Cost-a-lot-of-money ones.

Fluffy ones and scruffy ones,
Ancient, velvet, puffy ones.

Plastic ones, fantastic ones,
Superman's elastic ones.

Snowy ones and showy ones,
Flap-about and blowy ones.

Cotton ones and rotten ones,
Better-be-forgotten ones.

Finer ones, designer ones,
Never-seen-diviner ones,

Shiny ones and tiny ones

AND

(just for hedgehogs)

SPINY ONES!

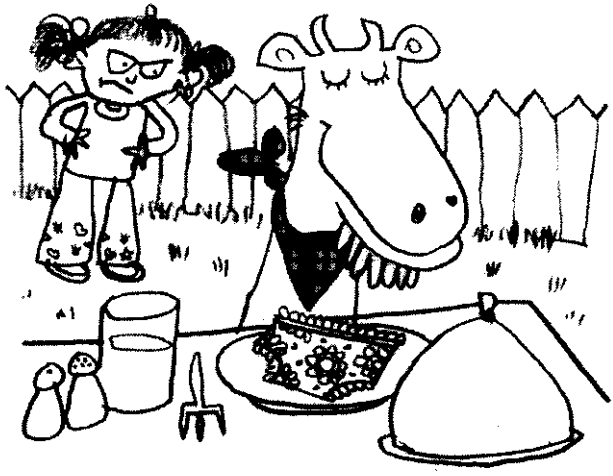
Clare Bevan



Katie Had a Billy Goat

Katie had a billy goat
Which ate Rolos, mints and Snickers
And when she hung the washing out
It gobbled up her knickers!

Angie Turner



This Haiku is Pants

Ants in your pants make
you wriggle and squirm. Giraffes
In your pants are worse

Katharine Crossley

Pants Limerick

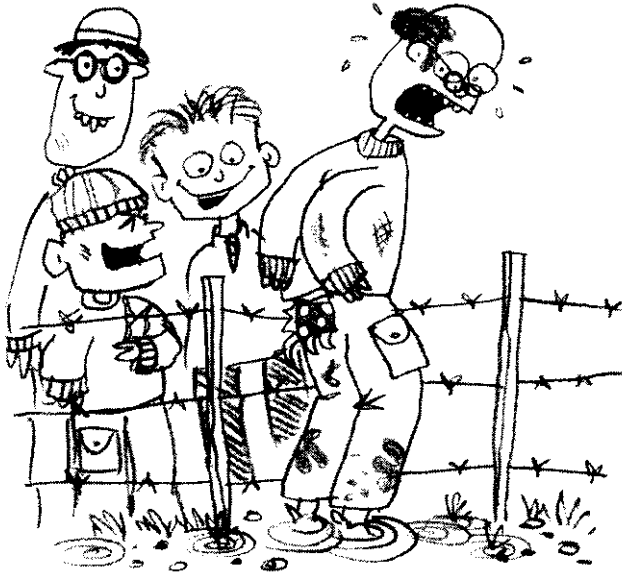
A man from Southampton, in Hants,
had a famous collection of pants.
They ranged from the big,
which could smother a pig,
to the small which would barely fit ants.

Trevor Parsons

In the Pink

You'd think a teacher would have more sense
Than to leap over a barbed wire fence
But on a school trip
That's just what ours did
R – I – P!!!
And we saw his *pink* underpants!

Bernard Young



Lucky Pants

Turkey, Germany, Italy, Brazil
Come on lads, let's squash 'em
I've worn these pants for every game
Mum's not allowed to wash 'em

Mum says she'll have to wash 'em soon
They're threatening my health
She was right, I was ill for the very next match
So my pants went by themselves

Roger Stevens