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POEMS TO FILL THE WORLD
WITH LAUGHTER

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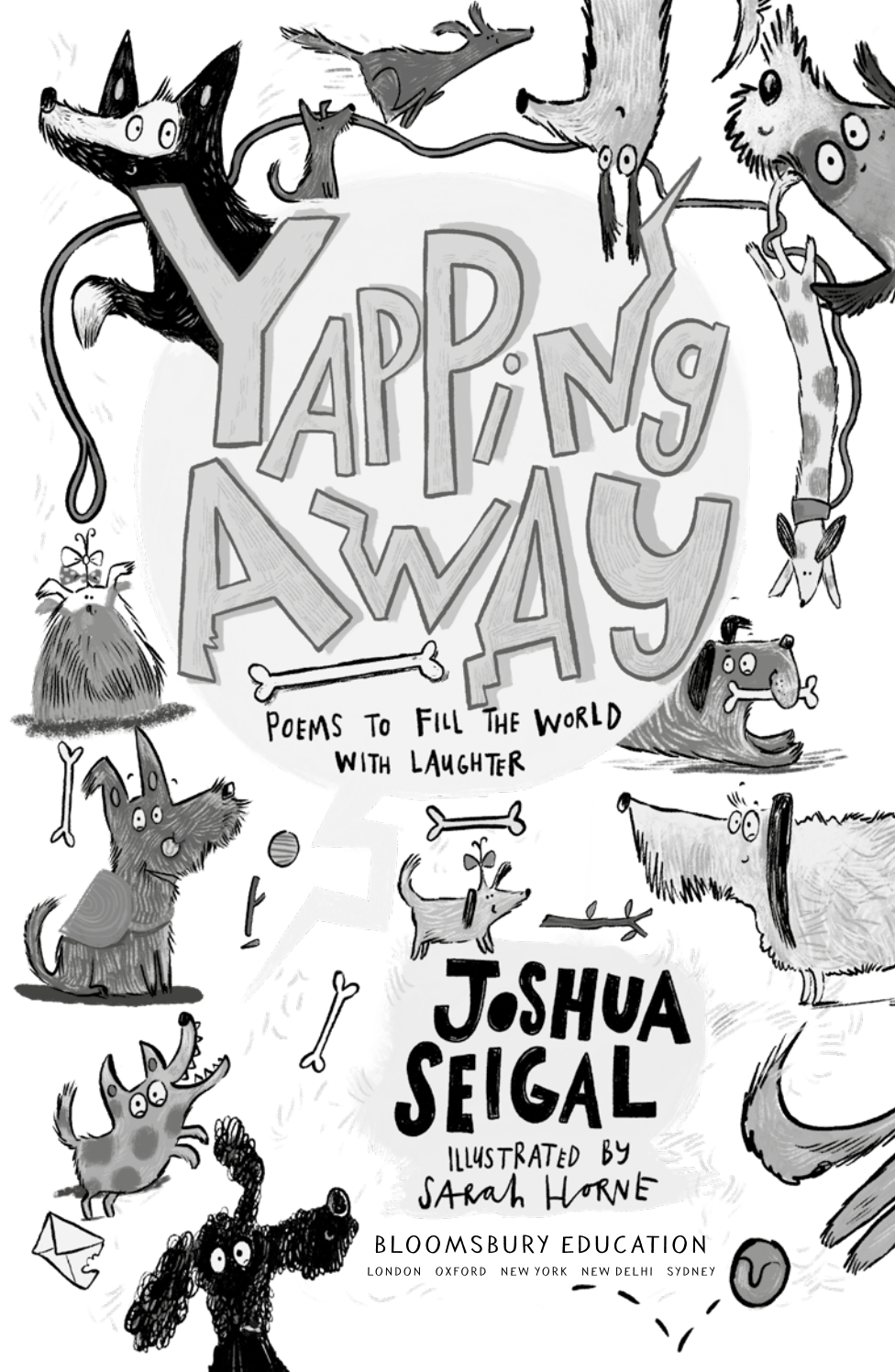
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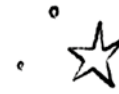
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Fill the World

Words that whisper, words that shout
Words that make you dance about
Words you have to just let out –
Let's fill the world with words.

Words that skip and words that hop
Words that jiggle, words that bop
Words that start and just can't stop –
Let's fill the world with words.

Words that laugh and words that cry
Words that whoosh as they go by
Words as sweet as apple pie –
Let's fill the world with words.

Words of lava, words of air
Words of which you should beware
Words that show you really care –
Let's fill the world with words.

Words that soothe and words that tend
Words that heal and words that mend
Words can be your new best friend –
Let's fill the world with words.

The Reading Journey

Embark in the dark
on a sparkling adventure.
Glide on the tide
to the rhythm of words.
Wait at the gates
of a towering castle.
Fly in the sky
on the wings of a bird.

Fight in the night
with the dragons and demons.
Flee to the sea
where the mermaids reside.
Dash to the clash
and the crash of a tempest.
Unlock the box
with its secret inside.

Lunch with a bunch
of baboons in the jungle.
Zoom through the gloom
where the fireflies glow.
Jump to the thump
of the language of letters.
A book is your ticket
to life. Off you go.



A Classroom Speaks

The window says '**welcome**',
the door says '**come in**'.
The whistle says '**quiet**',
the book says '**begin**'.

The paper says '**write**'
and the snack says '**yum yum**'.
The carpet is sighing
'**please sit on your bum**'.

The test says '**no way**'
but the sticker says '**try**'.
The pencil says '**greetings**',
the rubber '**goodbye**'.

The paint says '**clear up**'
and the sink says '**splish splosh**'.
The glue yells '**yahoo!**'
but the apron shouts '**wash!**'.

The clock says '**it's over**',
the bell bellows '**dash!**'
and that is the end of
the big classroom bash

Play Time!

I've got a toy piano
and a little rubber duck.
I've got a jar of marbles
and a red and yellow truck.
I've got a pair of flashing shoes
that light up when I run,
so everybody join me –
let's have fun

fun
fun!

I've got a trunk of teddy bears
and super racing cars.
I've got a model spaceship
that can fly us to the stars,
then in and out of space
until we end up at the sun,
so everybody join me –
let's have fun

fun
fun!



I've got a speedy bicycle
and lots of dainty dolls.
I've got some plastic apples
and a terrifying troll.
I've got a box of building blocks
so listen everyone –
come along and join me
for some fun

fun
fun!



Inside

Inside the child
a heart is beating

Inside the heart
a poem is sleeping

Inside the poem
a word is *hush*
duh

Inside the word
a secret is *fizzing*

Inside the secret
a whisper is *hushing*

Inside the whisper
a river is *rushing*

Inside the river
a bubble's *e x p a n d i n g*

Inside the bubble
a spaceship is *l*

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Inside the spaceship
a child is *dreaming*

Inside the child
a heart is *beating*

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up
going
tower
a
build
I can
high.
really
really
tower,
a
build
I can

Looking Up!



Lots

There's lots of stuff
I cannot do,
like name all the animals
in the zoo,
or dive to the depths
of the deepest sea,

but I'm happy being me.

There's lots of stuff
I'll never know,
like why a stone
will never grow,
or why you can't
eat traffic jam,

but I'm happy as I am.

There's lots of stuff
I haven't got:
a lion's strength,
a horse's trot,
an owl's flight,
a cheetah's stealth,

but I'm happy being myself.





Magic!



A newborn baby in a cot:
that's magic.

A baked potato, piping hot:
that's magic.

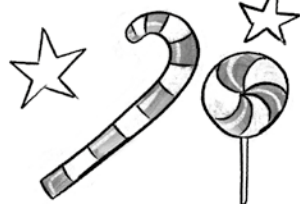
A cartoon on a Saturday,
a muffin on a baker's tray,
a tabby cat that wants to play:
that's magic.



A rainbow peeking through the rain:
that's magic.

A multicoloured candy cane:
that's magic.

A puppy learning how to bark,
a chocolate eaten in the dark,
a game of football in the park:
that's magic.



A lion waking from a nap:
that's magic.

Your uncle doing his 'cool rap':
that's... tragic.

The engine in a motor boat,
the buttons on your winter coat,
the beard on a billy goat:
that's magic.



A dolphin diving in the deep:
that's magic.

A brand-new watch that's yours to keep:
that's magic.

Just have a look round where you dwell,
the sea, the sky, the land as well –
you don't need wands or magic spells
for magic.

