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The Bear who had Nothing to Wear



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There once was a bear who had NOTHING to wear,
And normally, teddy bears don't really care,
They're happy to dress how you want them to dress
But Albie was *not*, I am bound to confess.



Albie arrived wearing nothing but fur,
He could have been either a Him or a Her.
Most teddy bears let their owner decide . . .

But Albie would NOT,
for a bear has its pride.

Was Albie a daddy bear, mummy or baby?
When asked, he would growl a grumbly 'Maybe'
For sometimes he wasn't –
and sometimes he was!



Which made choosing his costumes a problem because . . .

On MONDAY, he dressed like an infant all day.

Then . . .



. . . he pulled off his bonnet
and threw it away!



He kicked his blue bootees
right out of the pram,



'Wrong outfit!' he shouted,
'That's *not* who I am!'

'Today I'm a prince, so I need a gold crown . . .



. . . Pantaloons and a tunic, a ruby red gown.

And unicorn slippers and gloves if you please.'

But . . .

