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my not-so-little-any-more bugs, with all my love.
Without you two, this would be an empty book.

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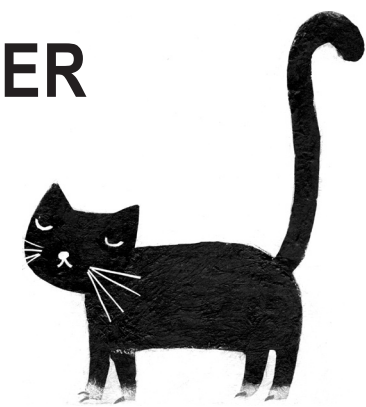
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Happy Poem

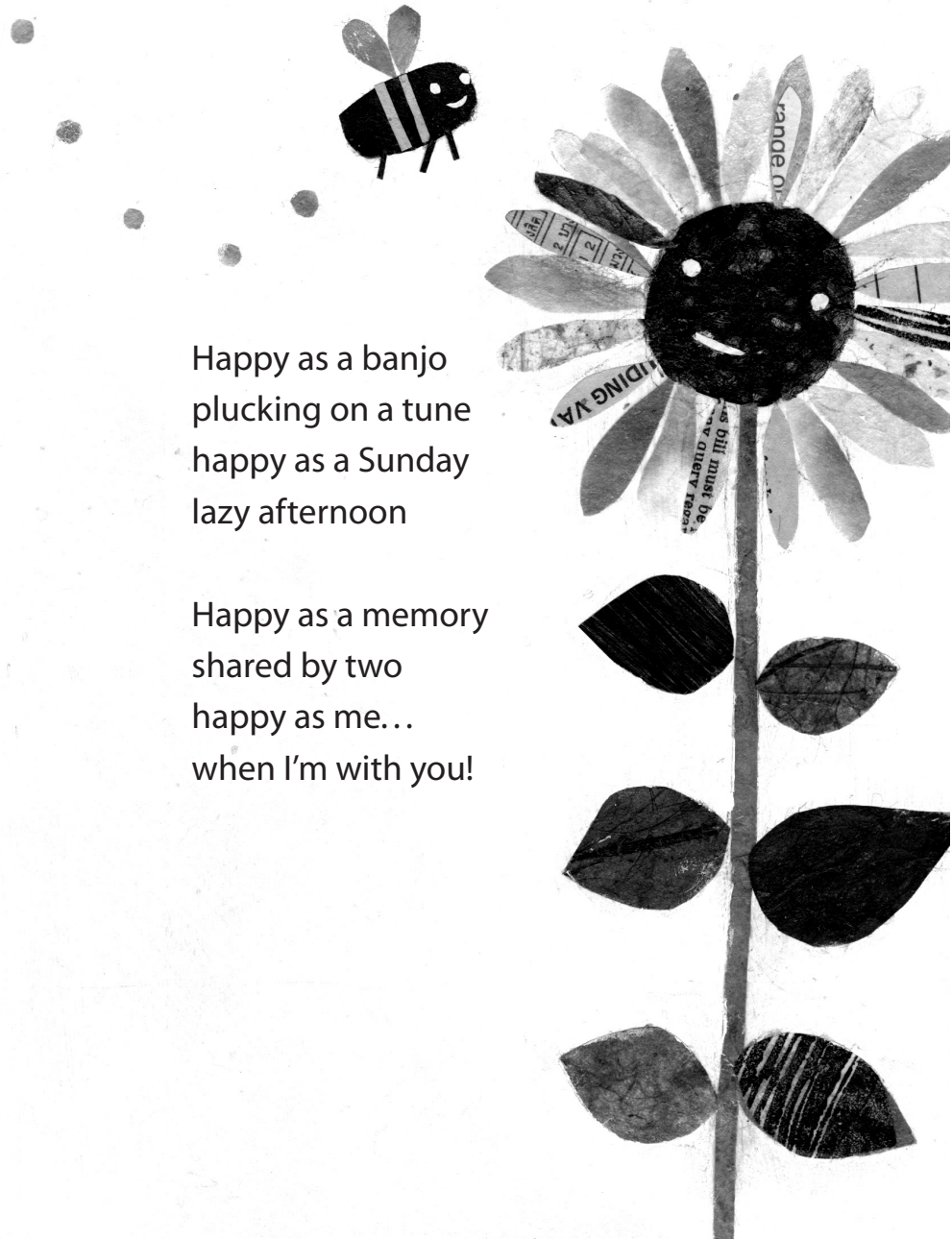
Happy as a rainbow
happy as a bee
happy as a dolphin
splashing in the sea

Happy as bare feet
running on the beach
happy as a sunflower
happy as a peach

Happy as a poppy
happy as a spoon
dripping with honey
happy as June

Happy as a banjo
plucking on a tune
happy as a Sunday
lazy afternoon

Happy as a memory
shared by two
happy as me…
when I'm with you!



Busy Bugs

Out in the garden
look down low
see all the busy bugs
come and go

Wriggly bugs
that can't keep still

Tiny bugs
that build a hill

Shiny bugs
that feed on leaves

Spotty bugs
that climb up trees

Out in the garden…

Noisy bugs
that live in grass

Bouncy bugs
that move so fast

Crawly bugs
that hide in sand

Tickly bugs
that like your hand!

Out in the garden…



Bug Hug

gimme a *hug!*

gimme a *hug!*

Hey,
little
bug – how
do you hug –
or cuddle or kiss
your mum or sis –
with all those arms
and legs and things –
and wiggly bits and
wobbly wings? For
however hairy or
creepy or scary
even the ugliest
bug needs
a HUG!

gimme a *hug!*

gimme a *hug!*

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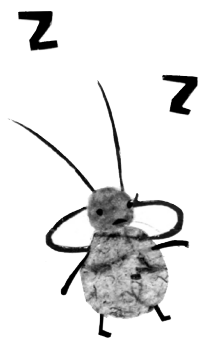


Bed Bugs

We love to bite – oh yes, it's true
if you were a bug
then so would you!

When you're at play
we're starved all day
when you drop off
we have our scoff!

Life is good
and that's for sure
but hey, you humans



PLEASE
DON'T
SNORE!