JANETTA OTTER-BARRY BOOKS

Lucky

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My Pet Stoat

My favourite pet
is a baby stoat
With bright blue eyes
and a tortoiseshell coat

Warm and cuddly
he curls up on my lap
Or in front of the fire
while taking a nap

On the back of a chair
he'll balance and spring
Then play for hours
with a ball of string

When I stroke his back
it's as soft as silk
And he goes 'Miaow'
when its time for his milk

Excuse me, that's not a stoat

No?

No, that's a cat.

It's not a cat. I've got a cat. I keep it in a little cage hanging from the mantelpiece.

A cat in a cage? What does it look like?

It's got wires going this way and that way…

No. I mean the cat.

Just like any other cat, I suppose. It's got a little beak,
Covered in feathers and goes, 'Tweet Tweet.'

Tweet Tweet?

Tweet Tweet.

That's not a cat.

No?

No, That's a canary.

It's not a canary. I've got a canary. I keep it in the kennel in the backyard.

A canary in a kennel? What does it look like?

It's a wooden box with a roof…

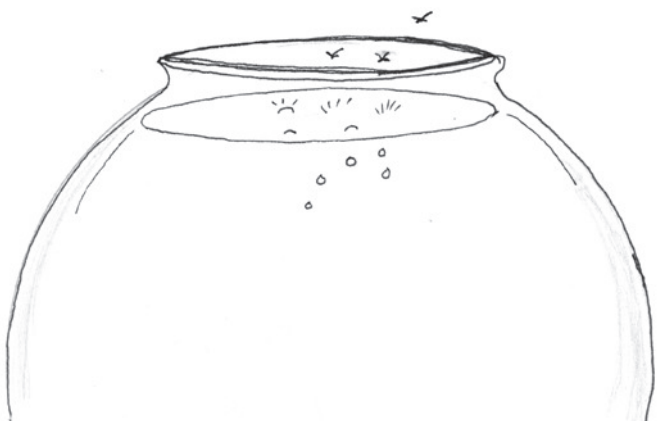
No, I mean the canary.

Just like any other canary. It's huge, grey, with huge floppy ears, two tusks and a big long trunk.

That's not a canary.

No? What is it, then?

It's … er … why, everybody knows,
It' s… er … you know … it's … a … GOLDFISH!



No Peas for the Wicked

No peas for the wicked
No carrots for the damned
No parsnips for the naughty
O Lord we pray

No beansprouts for the bad tempered
No noodles for the moody
No onions for the whingers
No way, no way

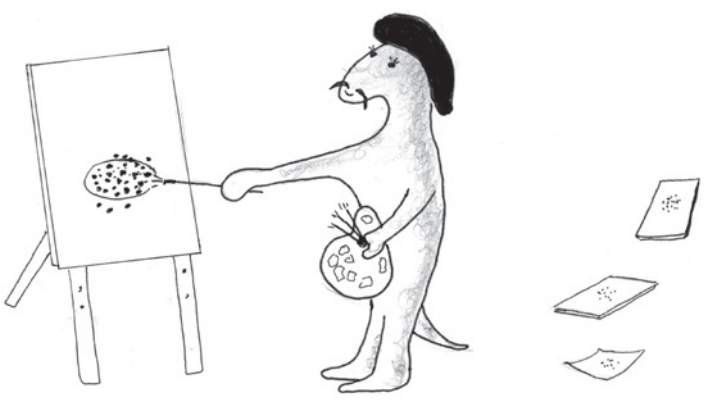
No garlic for the greedy
No beetroot for the bullies
No mange-tout for the muggers
Lock them away

No broccoli for the smelly
No cabbage for the cheeky
No corn for the fare-dodgers
Make 'em all pay

No creamy mash or aubergines
No fries, no baked or refried beans
No vegetables of any kind
O Lord we pray

A Weasel is Easily Pleased

A weasel is easily pleased
just give him biscuits and crumbly cheese
tickle his whiskers
and if there's a breeze
invite him sailing
and if he agrees
it's anchors aweigh
on the open seas.

A weasel is easily pleased
and when the snow
begins to freeze
take him skiing
on the Pyrenees
down the slopes
in and out of the trees
'Look out everybody
a weasel on skis!

A weasel is easily pleased
just give him an easel
and soon he'll be seized
with a passion for painting
still-lives of peas.
Carrots, parsnips
veggies like these
the occasional onion
but mainly, peas.