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For Nancy and Mike,
all the way over in Green Bay.
Miss yooz lots Nanci!
CF

To Mum and Dad
KH

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On a hill bumpy-steepy,
there's a house scary-creepy,



And it's said that a Snortle lives there.

Now nobody's been,
so nobody's seen,



But Mouse whispers, "Come, if you dare!"



As soon as it's dark, they meet in the park,

Mouse says,
"Snortles love moonlit nights."



Between them they take,
a torch,
rope and
cake,

For Snortles have huge appetites!



It's
scarily
still, as they
creep up the hill,

Mouse whispers,

"Sssh, Cat – no more talking."



"Don't tell me to hush – it's from behind us,
Do you think that the Snortle's out walking?"

“That’s silly!” says Mouse, “he’ll be holed in his house,
There’s no one, but me and you two.”

“I’m s-s-ure s-s-something’s here,”
Dog stutters in fear,

Then, suddenly, someone calls,
“WOOOOOOOO!”

