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There was once a girl who
had tiger slippers





and a ceiling with
stars on it



and a butterfly hairslide
which she kept losing



and two goldfish

and a nice mother who helped
her to make some paper dolls.





They were Ticky and Tacky
and Jackie the Backie
and Jim with two noses
and Jo with the bow.





And they danced



and they jumped



and they sang.

And they met a dinosaur
who clawed and roared,
and said, “I’m going to get you!”

