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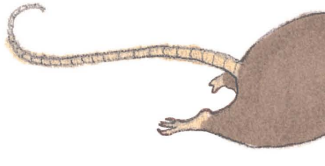
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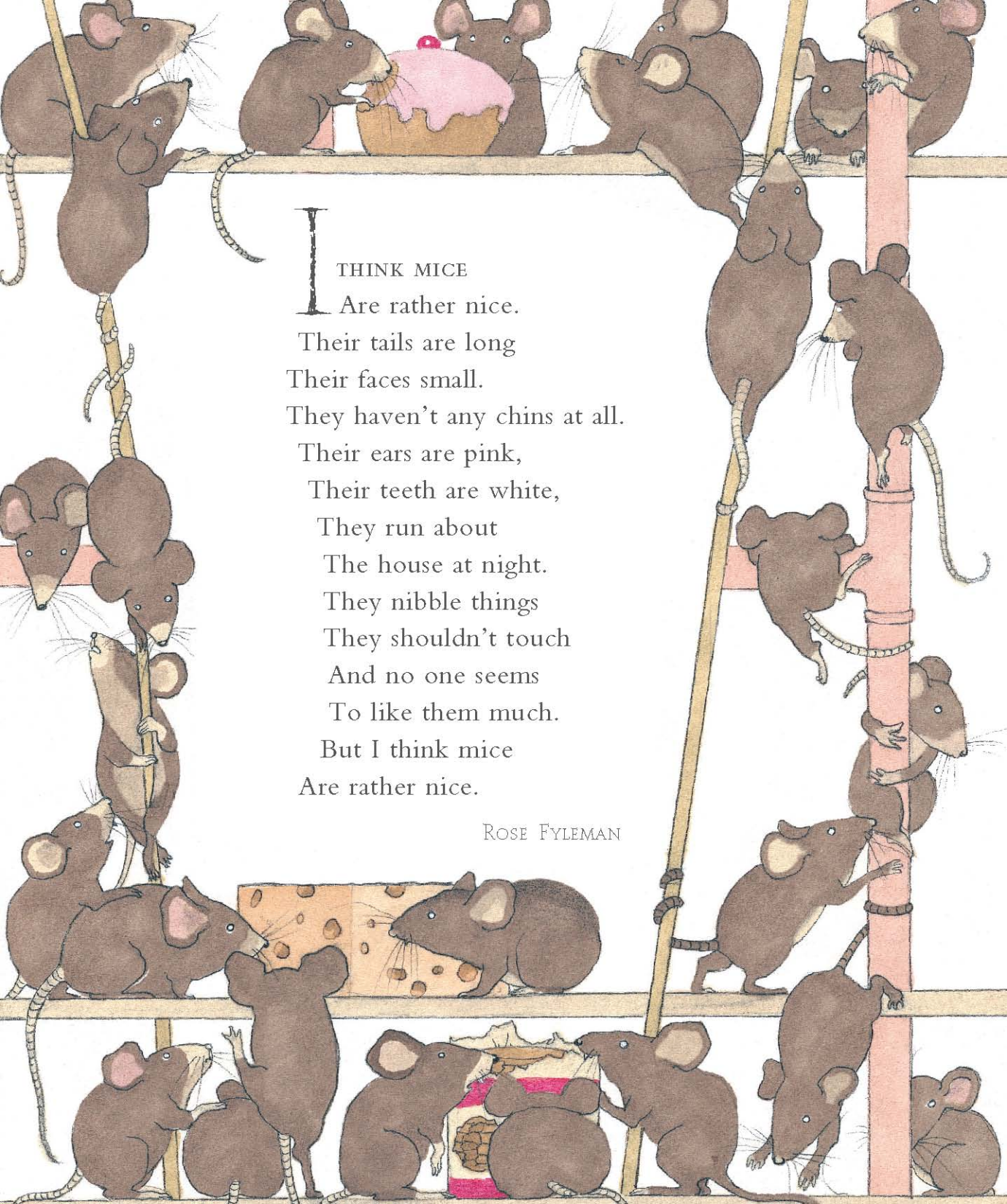
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Verses from

TINY TIM







I THINK MICE
Are rather nice.
Their tails are long
Their faces small.
They haven't any chins at all.
Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white,
They run about
The house at night.
They nibble things
They shouldn't touch
And no one seems
To like them much.
But I think mice
Are rather nice.

ROSE FYLEMAN



DOWN BEHIND THE DUSTBIN

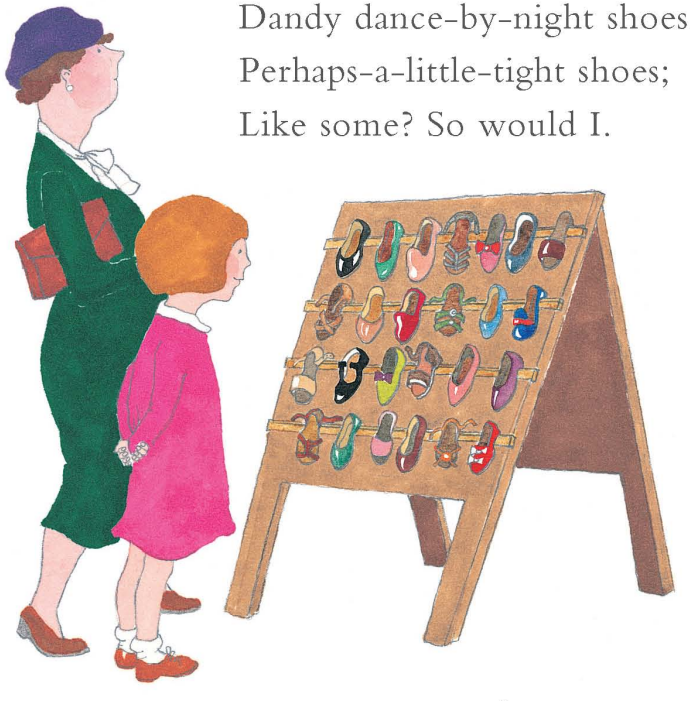
I met a dog called Jim.
He didn't know me
And I didn't know him.

MICHAEL ROSEN

NEW SHOES, NEW SHOES,
Red and pink and blue shoes,
Tell me what would you choose
If they'd let us buy?

Buckle shoes, bow shoes,
Pretty pointy-toe shoes,
Strappy, cappy low shoes;
Let's have some to try.

Bright shoes, white shoes,
Dandy dance-by-night shoes,
Perhaps-a-little-tight shoes;
Like some? So would I.



BUT





Flat shoes, fat shoes,
Stump-along-like-that shoes,
Wipe-them-on-the-mat shoes
O that's the sort they'll buy.

FRIDA WOLFE