

Poetry Second Place
“Dear Babysitter” by Madeline McDiarmid
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Dear Babysitter,
Timmy’s allergic to meat
And Emma can’t stand the heat
Don’t give Oscar much ice cream
His reaction will be frightening
We have some wonderful pets
So try not to break into a sweat
We have a young baboon,
Who thinks she can jump to the moon
Our rat is in love with food,
If there isn’t enough he’ll be rude
The panda is a great musician
Don’t interrupt him, he’s on a mission
Our walrus can be a menace,
But he’s quite good at tennis
We own a collection of lizards,
Who like to perform as wizards
Don't be alarmed if you can't find the frog,
She's probably gone for a jog
The dolphins will be playing cards,
They’ve asked me to give you their regards
We have a lemur who plays the french horn,
Her favorite food is popcorn
Our last pet is a shark,
He’s shy and afraid of the dark
Bedtime is at nine,
If you need anything give me a chime