

LIFE  
LESSONS:  
POEMS



# By Myself

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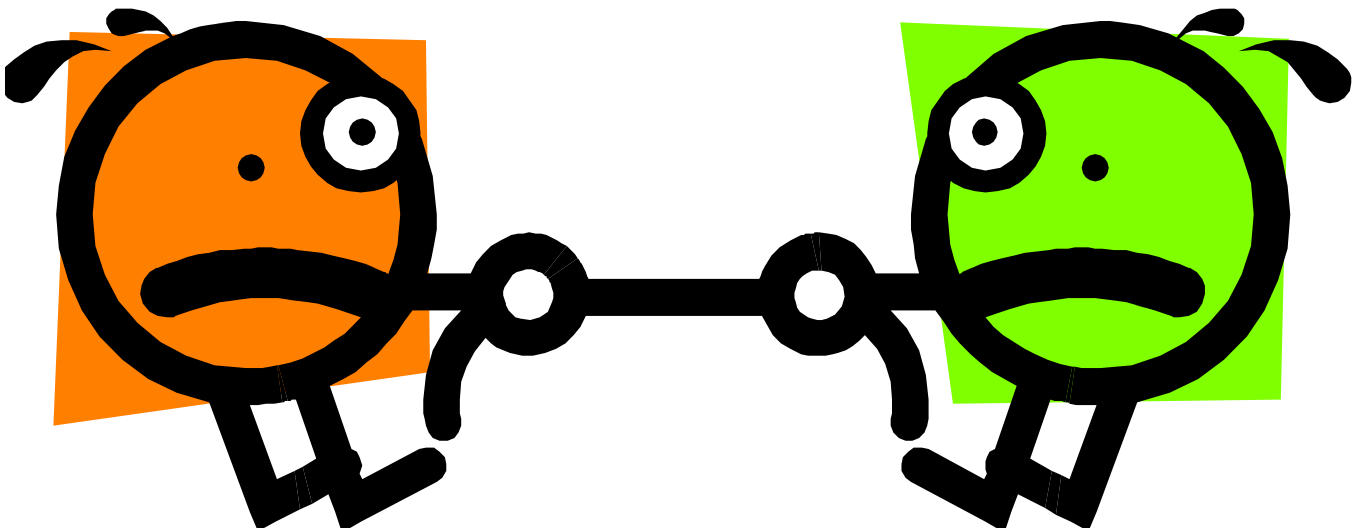
When I'm by myself  
And I close my eyes  
I'm a twin  
I'm a dimple in a chin  
I'm a room full of toys  
I'm a squeaky noise  
I'm a gospel song  
I'm a gong  
I'm a leaf turning red  
I'm a loaf of brown bread  
I'm a whatever I want to be  
An anything I care to be  
And when I open my eyes  
What I care to be  
Is me.



## Sharing

I'll share your toys, I'll share your money,  
I'll share your toast, I'll share your honey,  
I'll share your milk and your cookies too- -  
The hard part's sharing mine with you.

Shel Silverstein



# Ridiculous Rose

Her mama said, "Don't eat with your fingers."  
"OK," said Ridiculous Rose,  
So she ate with her toes!

Shel Silverstein



Oh, if you're a bird, be an early bird  
And catch the worm for your breakfast plate.  
If you're a bird, be an early bird--  
But if you're a worm, sleep late

Shel Silverstein



# I'm Making A List

I'm making a list of the things I must say for politeness,  
And goodness and kindness and gentleness, sweetness and rightness:

Hello

Pardon me

How are you

Excuse me

Bless you

May I?

Thank you

Goodbye

If you know some that I forgot,  
Please stick them into your eye!



**Shel Silverstein**

# My Mother Says I'm Sickening

By: Jack Prelutsky

My mother says I'm sickening,  
my mother says I'm crude,  
she says this when she sees me,  
playing Ping-Pong with my food,  
she doesn't seem to like it  
when I slurp my bowl of stew,  
and now she's got a list of things  
she says I mustn't do-

DO NOT CATAPULT THE CARROTS!  
DO NOT JUGGLE GOBS OF FAT!  
DO NOT DROP THE MASHED POTATOES  
ON THE GERBIL OR THE CAT!  
NEVER PUNCH THE PUMPKIN PUDDING!  
NEVER TUNNEL THROUGH THE BREAD!  
PUT NO PEAS INTO YOUR POCKET!  
PLACE NO NOODLES ON YOUR HEAD!  
DO NOT SQUEEZE THE STEAMED ZUCCHINI!  
DO NOT MAKE THE MELON OOZE!  
NEVER STUFF VANILLA YOGURT  
IN YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S SHOES!  
DRAW NO FACES IN THE KETCHUP!  
MAKE NO LITTLE GRAVY POOLS!

I wish my mother wouldn't make  
so many useless rules.

