



Bang! Crack!

Wheeee.....whoosh!

Swish..... swoosh!

Fireworks shooting to the sky

Fizzle..... fizz!

Wiggle.....whizz!

Rainbows dancing way up high

Soaring, skimming

Swirling, spinning

Sparkling raindrops scatter wide

Bang! Crack!

Jumping Jack!

Fiery crackers leap and hide

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The Doctor

Harry can't come out to play today

Harry is feeling unwell.

Harry has spots on his tummy

Some on his bottom as well

Harry can't come out to play today

Harry is staying in bed.

Mummy has sent for the doctor

And here's what the doctor said:

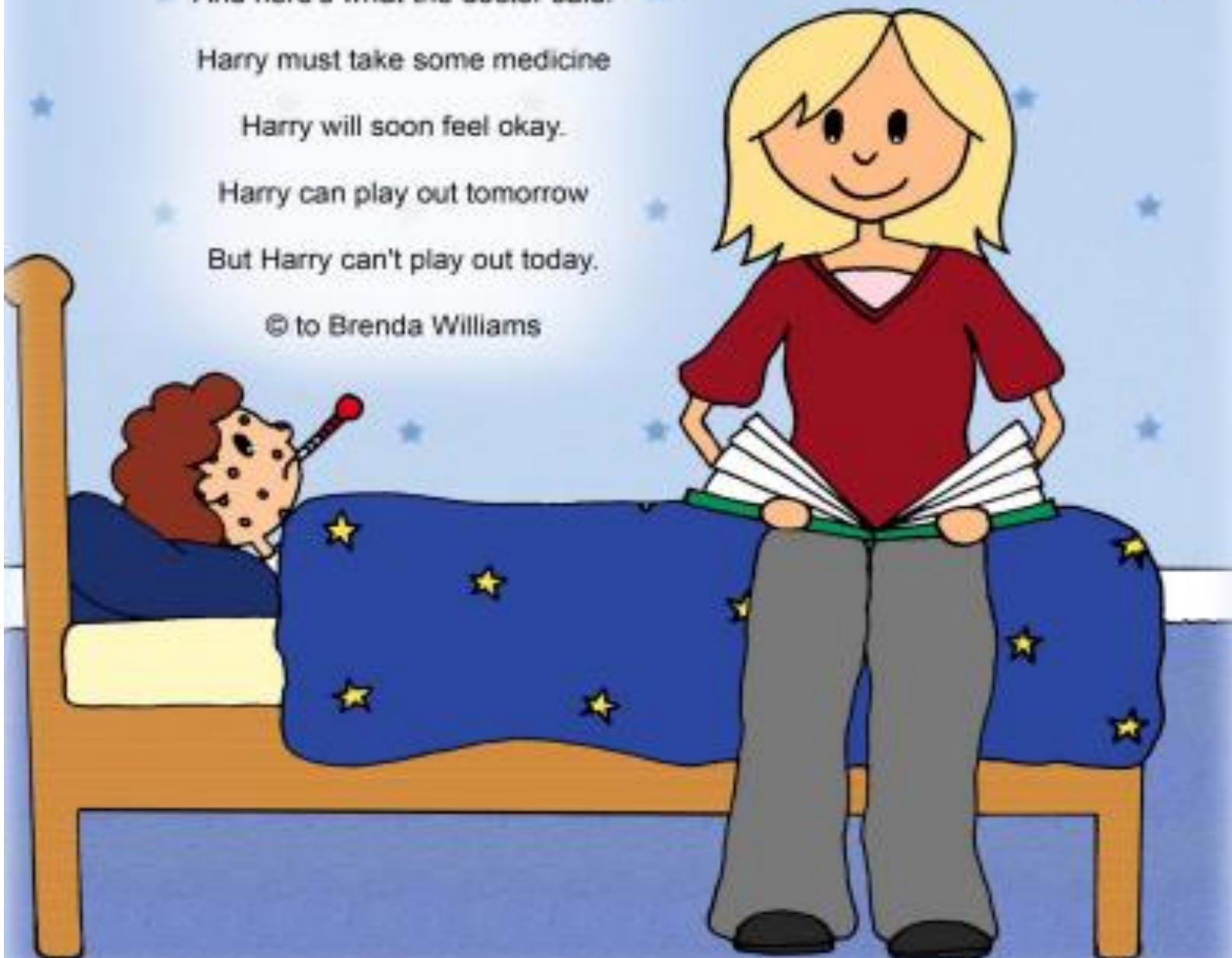
Harry must take some medicine

Harry will soon feel okay.

Harry can play out tomorrow

But Harry can't play out today.

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Unique

It's hard to be different,
To act just like you,
To love your uniqueness,
In whatever you do.

Your hair can be curly,
Or wavy or straight,
Your eyes might be different,
But that makes you great.

Running or writing,
Numbers or art,
Your friends will all love you,
For the size of your heart.

But what makes a good friend?
Someone who cares?
Someone who laughs with you?
Someone who's there?

Someone who helps you,
When you've hurt your knee?
Or someone to catch you,
When you fall from a tree.

A friend sees that you're special,
And loves all of you,
From singing to dancing,
And you love them too.

It's hard to be different,
To act just like you,
So love your uniqueness,
Whatever you do!



Sorting the Washing

One green sweatshirt
Hanging on the door.

Two striped T-shirts
Lying on the floor.

Three pairs of underpants
Screwed up near the bath.

Four red socks
Outside on the path.

Five little aprons
The grubbier I've seen.

Put them all together
For the washing machine.

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Christmas Long Ago

Frosty days and ice-still nights,
Fir trees trimmed with tiny lights,
Sound of sleigh bells in the snow,
That was Christmas long ago.
Tykes on sleds and shouts of glee,
Icy-window filigree,
Sugarplums and candle glow,
Part of Christmas long ago.
Footsteps stealthy on the stair,
Sweet-voiced carols in the air,
Stocking hanging in a row,
Tell of Christmas long ago.
Starry nights so still and blue,
Good friends calling out to you,
Life, so fast, will always slow...
For dreams of Christmas long ago.

—DONA M. MARONEY

CountryLiving

Great Big Snowman

I'm a great big snowman,

Tall and fat

Here's my tummy

Here's my hat

Coal for my eyes

And a carrot nose

I'm all snow from

Head to toes



Christ-
mastime is
near. Soon,
we'll wrap the house
in lights and watch it
sparkle in delight. Oh,
how I love this time of year!

I mailed my list to Santa.

I just know he's going to grant me
my one and only wish, a pup named Trevor
who will
stay with
me forever.