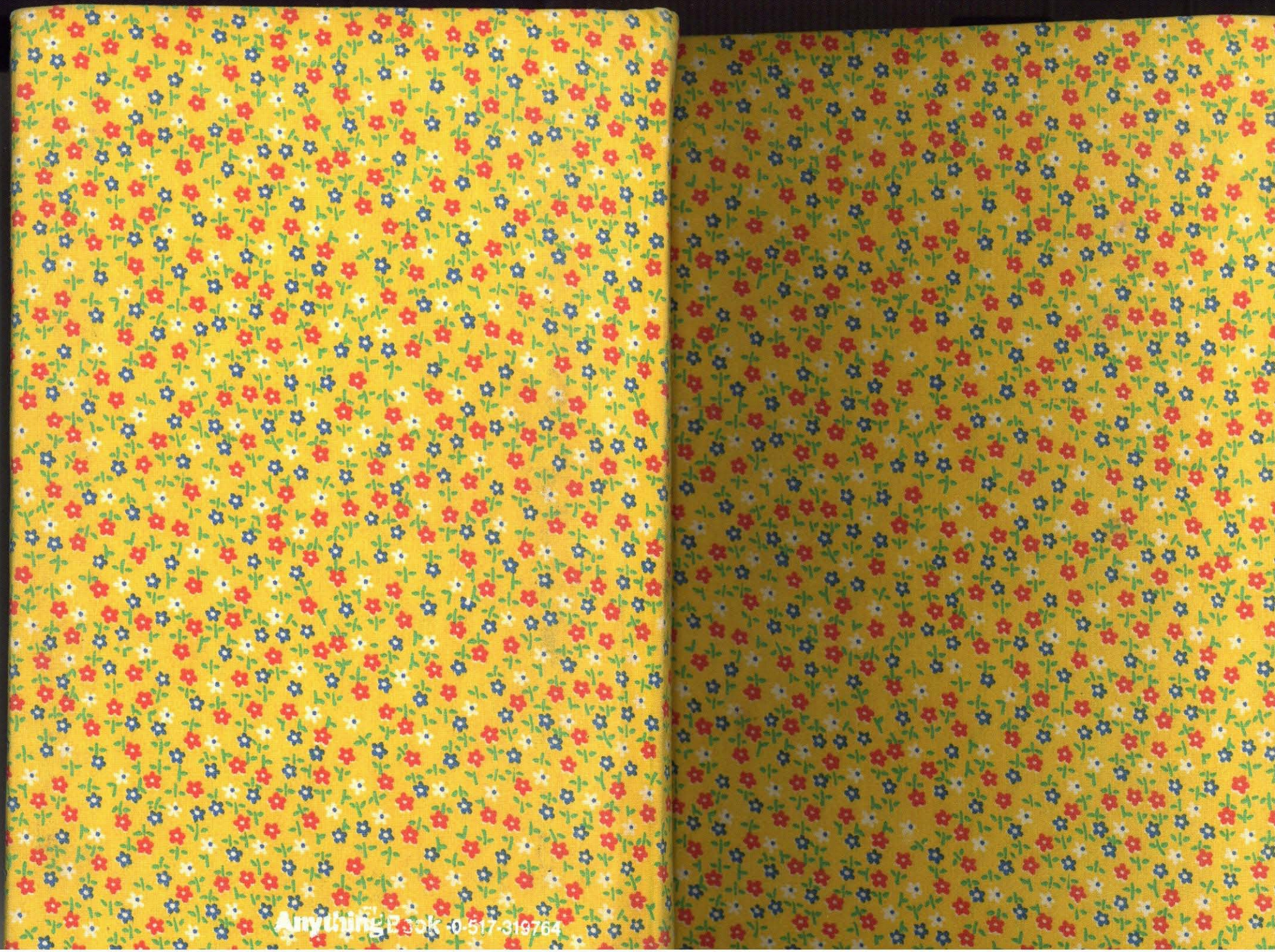
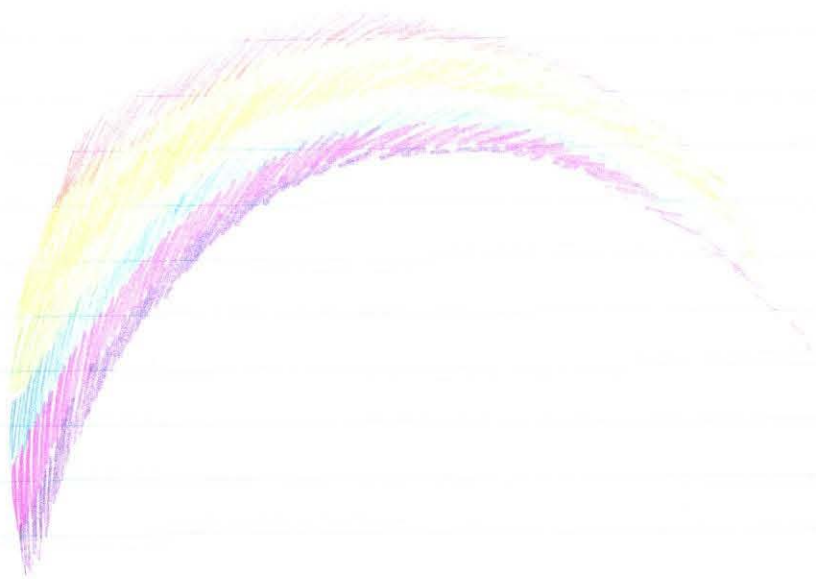






Albion

Albion is a lonely town

Where all the people seem to frown

I wonder why? — It shouldn't be —

For Albion is the best for me.

— Ed Shirk —

As I sailed across the ocean blue

(I'm sure others had the same thoughts too)

I watched some birds go flying by

And hoped that some day I —

Could fly across the ocean too

— Stella Elliot

The Spanish have beautiful dances

They whirl, they swirl, and they prance.

Just take a trip to dear ol' Spain

You'll see their dances are not plain.

— Lore McClure

The Rainbow

A rainbow always fills the sky

As the rain is gone and passed us by.

Its iridescent colors sing

A pot of gold 'twill always bring

— Karen Davis

End ____ of Day

When the last rays of the sun,
Cast a spell across the sky,
It gives a spell of loneliness
For the day that has passed by.

As you reflect back
O'er the deeds of the day
Have you helped a weary soul
To somehow find his way?

- Inez Black (1965)

The Wind Whispered A Secret

The wind whispered a secret to me,
And the leaves followed the breeze.
The air seemed to tease.

Then the leaves were in a pile -

But would blow for awhile.

The secret was

Snow.

- Gary McKibben

Birds

Have you ever seen a bird?

Oh, surely you have - don't be absurd,

Some birds like to soar

But others could fly even more.

Some birds are large

And some are small.

Some like landing on a barge

Others set around and "bawl".

Some birds imitate each other

But none mistake the call of mother

Some birds make a melodious sound

And others use their feet to pound

Some birds like to "caw" and screech

Others like to scream and shout

Mother birds often try to teach

Their youngsters not to cry or pout.

- Steven Farmer



A Starry Night

(painting by Van Gogh)

Swirly gloom

Bright love

Frightened tangled trees

A small frightened village

Stars shining brightly

Tall grey hills,

Swirling twirling stars

Light the mountains

Far away.

— Bonnie Sanderson

Fires

Red, yellow, and flaming,

The sirens are blaring.

People are screaming.

Water — the ashes are smoking

The firemen are poking

Among the ashes.

— Carol Thomas

Beauty Is . . .

A soft snowflake

falling

slowly to the ground

like a bag of cotton balls

with

not

a

single

sound

But footsteps.

Jack Frost just ran away

And new sunshine has appeared —

— Dale Miller

The Wind

The wind is always blowing free

Ready to tease the birch trees,

Play on the creek making ripples.

Try to catch the wind, —

It will laugh and fling itself away.

— Nancy Light

Spring

Spring

Trees budding

Beautiful flowers blooming,

Children running with the wind,

Spring

- Karen Kroener

Spring is as pretty as a rose

And when a bud on a tree

Grows into a leaf,

It is a nice thing to see.

- Travis Thomas

Beauty Is....

... a certain girl you like a lot.

Beauty is a bunch of trees in a park

Beauty is a bunch of pet snakes.

It is your mom and dad and pets

in the house.

- Mike Thomas

New Sneakers Feel

... like wading downstream

... and like walking through snow

... in the winter time

You feel like you could jump

... over the courthouse.

- Sam Fuller

COMMOTION is

Our schoolroom when teacher is out.

blue jays when something is close

.... to their young....

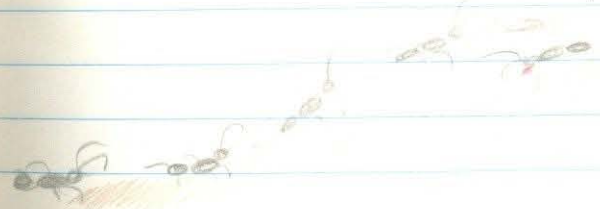
New York at noon....

The beach on Sunday....

an ant hill in summer....

hogs at feeding time!!!

- Tom Stanley



Beauty is
 ... like falling rain on the walk
 And when I go bare-footed
 in the nice soft grass
 and when I lie in the sun
 And look up at the sky
 - Cliff March

Spring

Hurray! Hurray, Spring is here.
 Winter's gone, and Spring is here.
 Snow's gone now, and Spring is here.
 Birds are cheeping; Cheep, cheep, Cheep!
 Children are swinging, Spring has cheer-
 - Dawn Weitzel

Spring is here, a joyful time
 when birds sing, and flowers dance-
 And little kids come out and play-
 - Troy Kelley



 Sing songs
 Pretty dresses
 Riding bikes
 Include swimming
 Nature and -
 Gardens.
 - Tony Harrison

Blooming flowers; red, yellow, white
 Wet in the morning with dew.
 I cannot tell you, No, not quite
 How much it can please you.
 - Jodie Harmon



Thoughts of a melting snowman
 are wet thoughts -
 Like when it's raining outside
 it gets wetter and wetter
 Until it dries up and gets warm.
 So "Welcome home Spring"
 - Ricky Aumann

Pink is a baby...
 Soft and true...
 Opposite it -
 I think is blue.

Brown is a color
 Of rusty must
 Makes me think
 Of dirty dust.

Black is midnight
 With only one light
 I wonder who turns
 It on at night

- Penny Weatherly

Rainbow

The colors of the rainbow
 Scarlet, red, purple and blue,
 When you look up, it shines
 On the town, the earth, and you.
 - Deann Rupert

Blue

Blue is the color of a clear sky
 And also of blueberry pie.
 Blue is the color of a sapphire
 Like-wise a blue-flame colored fire
 - Bob Hauser

Red

Red is a clown's nose
 Red is a pretty rose
 Red seems to be very bright
 When you look at it, - a delight
 - Rod Whitmore

Pink is a little girl
 Pink is a Toy
 If pink is so good,
 What is for a boy?
 - Betty Stewart

Blue reminds me of clear blue skies
 And little girls with sparkling eyes.
 It makes me think of a clear blue day
 When there's nothing to do, but run and play.
 - Wendie Jo Edwards

City

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Big, huge

Racing, honking, slamming

Streets that never end

City

— Darren Smith

Winter

Winter

Icy, glittery

Snowing, blowing, drifting

It gives the feel — Christmas

Winter

— Lynne Borton

Spring

Spring

Bright, gay

Birds, flowers, sun

A happy time of year

Spring

—

Lynne Borton

Nature

Nature

Animals, trees

Growing, blooming, dying

A world in itself

Nature

— Deann Ropert



Cats

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Soft, furry

Running, creeping, crawling

Eyes glowing in the night

Cats

— Teresa Thompson



Football

Football

Rough, tough

Run, fall, kick

Passing footballs through the sky

— Craig Henze

Running and hiding
 When the hawk comes after me
 Now I go up, up, up -
 - Tim Stanley

Ponies

Wonderful ponies
 Running wild, gone with the wind
 Such beauty they have
 - Micki Smith

Brown leaves on the top
 Ants at the bottom crawling
 Birds chirping in nests
 - Pam Loftgren

Winter

It's getting chilly
 Winter's coming pretty fast
 I hope it's not long.
 - Darla Mann

Haiku

Haiku is not easy
 That's what I say to you,
 But it's surely fun.
 - Melinda Merrill

Clouds all so lovely
 Sailing all over the sky
 Yes, clouds are lovely.
 - Penny Thomas

The water may flow
 In the stream lined with velvet
 So soft and pretty

The stars are so bright
 To me they look like candles
 Now I'm not afraid.
 - Lisa Isenhower

I can't think today
 I can't make a good Haiku
 Come, Come hidden brains!
 - Kathy Trickett

Instant Poetry

Laugh-In
 Ding-a-ling
 Groovy, wild
 Beautiful, jokes, mini-skirts
 Neatest thing I've ever seen
 Laugh-In

- Mary Rowley



Bart Starr
 Rough, tough
 Runs, passes, kicks
 Quarterback of Green Bay Packers
 Bart Starr

- Don Packer

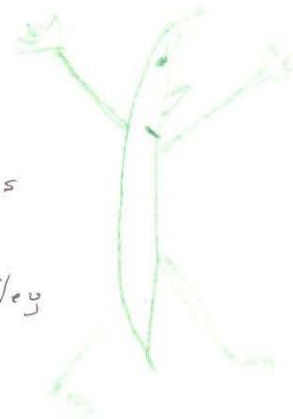


Apollo / Saturn
 Tall, thin
 Fast, speedy, turns
 Better than a giant
 - David Bailey



People
 Thin, fat
 Fast, slow, walk
 Look like string beans
 People

- David Bailey



Ty Cobb

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Amazing, marvelous,
 Batting, running, fighting
 Had half the league scared to death

Ty Cobb

- Rodney and Jay

Olivia

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Fast, quick,

Hitting, fielding, running

Well known in Minnesota

Olivia

- ... Steve & Lynn

