

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB
(A FRACTURED FAIRYTALE)

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MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB
THAT WOKE HER EVERY MORNING
FROLICKING ALL ACROSS HER BED
AS THE SUN WAS DAWNING

RUBBING SLEEP FROM HER EYES
MARY STUMBLED TO HER FEET
NOT LOOKING WHERE SHE PUT THEM DOWN
THERE CAME A MOURNFUL BLEAT

GETTING DRESSED TO GO TO SCHOOL
MARY SLIPPED INTO HER SHIRT
THEN CHASED THE LAMB AROUND THE ROOM
AS IT HAD ON MARY'S SKIRT

EATING BREAKFAST HURRIEDLY
MARY HEADED FOR THE DOOR
WITH ANY LUCK SHE'D BE QUICK ENOUGH
AND LOOSE THAT LAMB FOR SURE

MARY THOUGHT SHE'D BEATEN HIM
BUT THIS SHEEP WAS NO FOOL
IT SIMPLY LEFT MUCH EARLIER
AND HAD BEATEN HER TO SCHOOL

WELL WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT SCHOOL
SHE WAS CALLED STRAIGHT OT THE HEADMASTER
TO FIND OUT WHY SHE'D BROUGHT TO SCHOOL
THIS FOUR-LEGGED DISASTER

WITH NO TIME TO TAKE HIM HOME
SHE TIED HIM UP OUTSIDE
AND ALL DAY LONG NOT A THING WAS HEARD
THE LAMB JUST SAT AND SIGHED

MARY HATCHED A PLAN
BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL THAT DAY
SHE'D UNTIE THE LAMB AND HEAD STRAIGHT HOME
AND TRY AND LOSE HIM ON THE WAY

SHE TRIED TO THINK OF EVERYTING
AS SHE HEADED HOME FROM SCHOOL
BUT ALAS WHEN IT CAME TO CUNNINGNESS
THAT SNEAKY SHEEP DID RULE

MARY TRIED CRAWLING UP A DRAIN
AND THERE SHE DID LIE WAITING
BUT SURE ENOUGH WHEN SHE EMERGED
HE MET HER AT THE GRATING

MARY TRIED TO LOSE THAT LAMB
BY SHMMYING UP A PINE
BUT UNBEKOWNST TO MARY GIRL
THAT SHEEP COULD CLIMB JUST FINE

MARY TRIED OUTRUNNING HIM
BUT THE LAMB WAS FULL OF ZEST
AND HAD NO PROBLEM CATCHING HER
WHEN SHE STOPPED FOR A REST

FOR HOURS AND HOURS THEY PLAYED THEIR GAME
OF TWISTED CAT AND MOUSE
AND JUST AS IT WAS GETTING DARK
THEY ARRIVED BACK AT THE HOUSE

WELL MARY HAD JUST DECIDED
OF THIS LAMB SHE'D HAD HER FILL
AND WITHOUT EVEN A SINGLE WORD
SHE FIRED UP THE GRILL

MARY SHARPENED HER BIGGEST KNIFE
BUT THE SHEEP DID CATCH AN EYEFUL
AND TOOK OFF DOWN THE CORRIDOR
LIKE A BULLET FROM A RIFLE

THE LAMB ROUNDED THE CORNER
AND WITH EASE HURDLED THE COUCH
IT WAS CLEAR AT THE OLYMPICS
THAT THIS SHEEP WOULD BE NO SLOUCH

THE LAMB HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE DOOR
AND PROCEEDED THERE AND THEN
WITH A MIGHTY BANG
TO CRASH THROUGH THE THING
AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN....