



Birch Tree Syrup
 Maple syrup tastes good.
 Trees produce syrup.
 Tap birch tree with hammer.
 Collect sap.
 Taste.
 Spit.

Ants Swimming School
 Fill Mom's wash bucket
 halfway with water.
 Drip honey onto sticks.
 Here come the ants.
 Hold sticks under water in bucket.
 Watch ants walk up and down
 underwater.
 They're swimming!
 Some drown.



Flute Lessons
 At grade school assembly
 I raise my hand to join the band.
 I bring home a shiny flute
 In a leather box lined with felt.
 I open the box and stare and stare.
 It's too pretty to touch.
 My rented flute is returned
 After a month.

Wasp Combat
 See wasp flying out of hole
 In backyard.
 Notice flight pattern.
 Timing is essential.
 Use teapot sieve
 To trap wasp.
 Stomp.
 Is it dead?
 Run like heck.

Please recycle to a friend.

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 & Other
 Childhood Follies**



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Fat Crayons

Before markers
 Came crayons,
 And in pre-school,
 It was the fat crayon.

Five colors as wide as my thumb.
 Five to fit in my pants' pocket
 When no one is looking.
 Five flying onto the ground
 While skipping home.

I apologize to the teacher.
 My punishment:
 Stand in the wastebasket
 Facing the corner.

Pet Hide & Seek

Walking thru the woods
 With my dog and cat,
 I stop & hide behind a big tree
 While they sniff around.

I start to count
 One—two—three...
 They found me already!
 I tell them,
Don't peek next time.

