

TOOTHBRUSH KARAOKE

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STUDENT NAME:

WHILE BRUSHING MY TEETH AFTER BREAKFAST **TODAY**,

I LOOKED AT MY TOOTHBRUSH AND, WHAT CAN I **SAY**?

IT LOOKED LIKE A MICROPHONE THERE IN MY **HAND**.

I THOUGHT OF A SONG FROM MY NEW FAVORITE **BAND**.

I STROLLED TO THE LIVING ROOM SINGING THAT **SONG**.

MY BROTHER, SURPRISED, STARTED CLAPPING **ALONG**.

MY SISTER STOOD UP AND APPLAUDED MY **TUNE**.

SHE BEGGED ME TO KEEP SINGING ALL **AFTERNOON**.

I RAN TO MY ROOM WHERE I SANG TO MY **FROG**.

MY SINGING AND DANCING DELIGHTED OUR **DOG**.

I CHANTED AND RAPPED AS I RAN DOWN THE **HALL**,

TO CROON TO THE MIRROR WE HAD ON THE **WALL**.

AND THAT'S WHEN MY MOM AND DAD WALKED IN THE **DOOR**,

COMPLAINING OF SLOBBER ALL OVER THE **FLOOR**.

THEY SAID MY PERFORMANCE WAS TOTALLY **COOL**,

EXCEPT FOR THE MINTY-FRESH PUDDLES OF **DROOL**.



BENEATH MY BED

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I CAN'T GO OUT. MY MUM JUST **SAID**,
HER EYES ARE FIRE. HER FACE IS **RED**.
I HAVE TO STAY INDOORS **INSTEAD**,
UNTIL I'VE CLEANED BENEATH MY **BED**.



I DID THE SHELVES. I'VE DONE THE
FLOOR,
THE WINDOW LEDGE AND EVERY
DRAWER.
I SCRUBBED THE CRAYON OFF THE
DOOR.
COULD ANY MOTHER ASK FOR **MORE**?
I WONDER, HAS SHE PEEPED AND **SEEN**
A MOULDY PLATE OR **MAGAZINE**,
OR PANTS AND SOCKS? THERE CAN'T
HAVE **BEEN**!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL-ALL FRESH AND **CLEAN**.

THERE ARE NO BUGS, OR CHIPS, OR
RICE,
IT'S HEAVEN THERE. IT'S NEAT. IT'S
NICE.
SINCE I WAS THREE, I'VE CLEANED IT
TWICE!

I SAID "OH MUM, COME ON, PLAY
FAIR:
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME-THERE'S
NOTHING **THERE**."
SHE FROWNEED: "EXPLAIN THESE
BOOKS, THIS **BEAR**,
THIS BRUSH, ALL CLOGGED WITH
CRUMBS AND **HAIR**,
THAT BREAD, THOSE BOOTS...."
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