

See below a few example poems to use as inspiration for your own. It doesn't need to rhyme; it doesn't need to be long. It can be how you like. Make sure it is about an animal or plant in South America.

## A Spike of Green

When I went out  
The sun was hot, It shone upon  
My flower pot.

And there I saw  
A spike of green  
That no one else Had ever seen!

On other days  
The things I see Are  
mostly old  
Except for me.

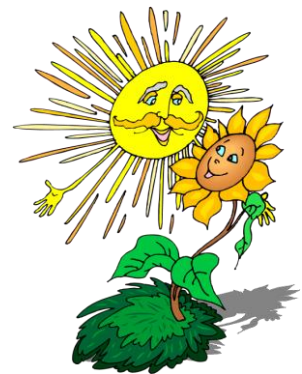
But this green spike  
So new and small Had  
never yet  
Been seen at all!

- Barbara Baker



## Little Brown Seeds

Little brown seeds so small and round,  
Are sleeping quietly under ground.  
Down come the raindrops  
Sprinkle, sprinkle, sprinkle.  
Out comes the rainbow,  
Twinkle, twinkle, twinkle.  
Little brown seeds way down below,  
Up through the earth they grow, grow, grow.  
Little green leaves come one by one.  
They hold up their heads and look at the sun.



# Sabrina

*(William Wise)*

Sabrina was a carefree snake,  
An independent spirit  
Who loved the sound of laughter  
And the time when she could hear it.

But Sabrina had a boyfriend,  
Who was really very proper,  
And when she'd laugh, he'd always frown  
And do his best to stop her.

So Sabrina dumped her boyfriend  
For a garter snake named Willy,  
A cheerful lad, who was never sad,  
And told jokes long and silly.

Then Sabrina sang a song of joy,  
And proclaimed herself the victor,  
Declaring that she'd never let  
Another beau constrict her.



# A Sloth Went on Vacation

*(Tiffany Stone)*

A sloth went on vacation  
but he didn't get too far  
cuz it took him eighteen hours  
just to climb into his car.

# The Secret Life of Slugs

*(Tiffany Stone)*

Slugs seem sluggish.  
Slugs seem slow.  
But slugs have a secret  
you don't know.  
Slugs are sneaky.  
Slugs pretend.  
When no one's looking,  
their feet descend.  
And under cover of the dark,  
slugs run races in the park.

# Tuna Fish Rap

*(Tiffany Stone)*

No bath for me,

I live in the sea.

I'm never dry;

I'm always clean.

I'm the cleanest creature

you've ever seen.

But if I could have

one magic wish,

I'd wish I wasn't

a clean old fish.

I'd wish for a bucket

full of dirt and crud.

Then I'd dump it in the ocean

and I'd make some mud –

grubby mud,

messy mud,

yucky, mucky mud.

# The Hawk

*(Douglas Florian)*

**I stare**

**I glare**

**I gaze**

**I gawk**

**With keen**

**Mean eyes**

**I am the hawk.**

**All day I pray**

**For prey to view.**

**Be thankful if**

**I don't**

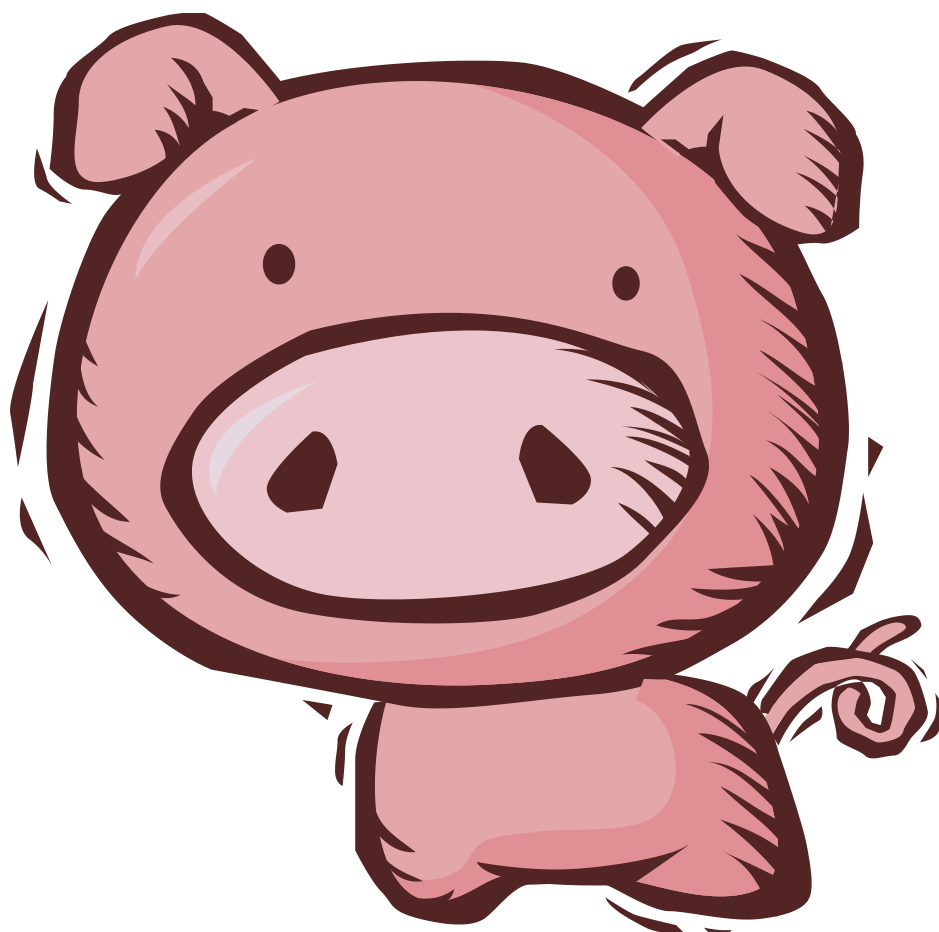
**See**

**YOU!**

# Pig Limerick

*(Arnold Lobel)*

There was a sad pig with a tail  
Not curly, but straight as a nail.  
So he ate simply oodles  
Of pretzels and noodles,  
Which put a fine twist to his tail.





# Ants

*(Laurence Conway)*



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Never

Travel

Solo

