

1



*by Callie Raab*

2

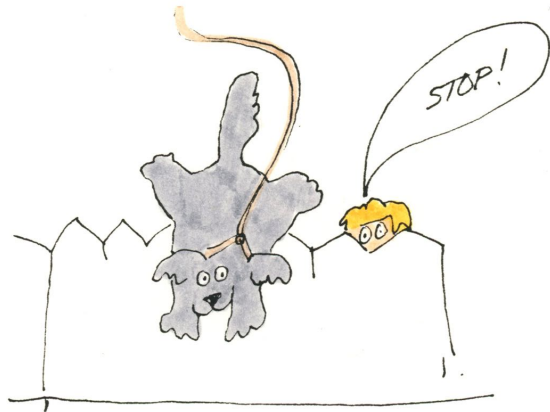
There I was, whistling loud,



swinging up to kick a cloud,

3

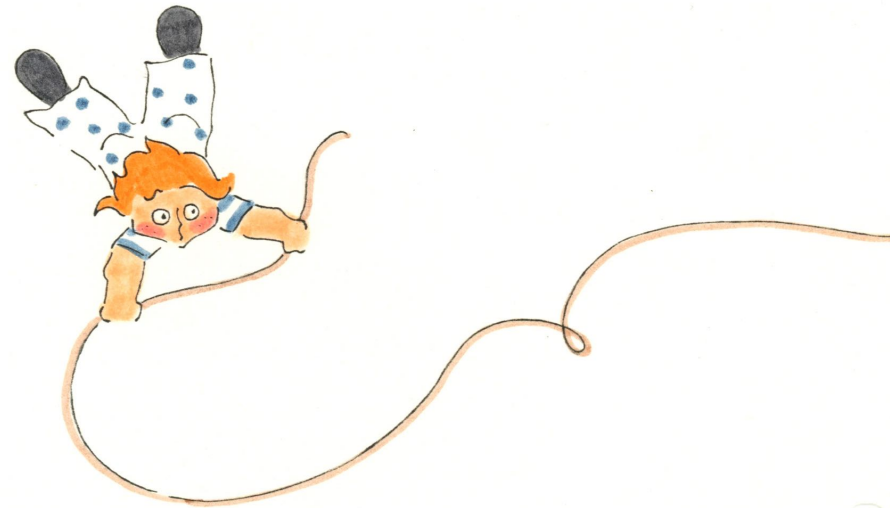
when suddenly I heard a shout.



A big and hairy thing jumped out.  
Somebody grab that dog!

4

I caught the rope and held on tight,



dug in my heels with all my might,

5

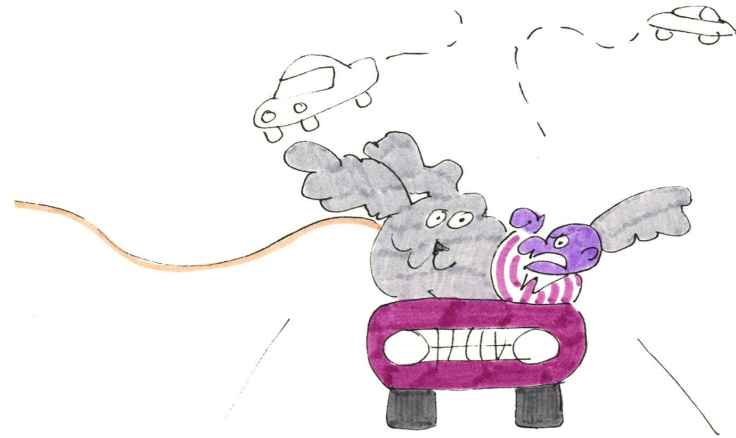
but he just swept me off my feet



and cleared the garden with a leap.

6

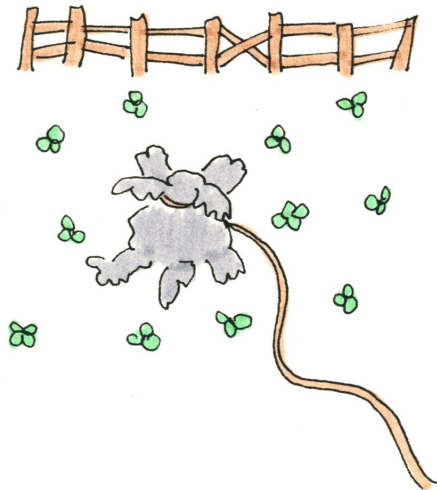
Too bad for me he leapt so far,  
he landed in a speeding car.



They almost crashed, just barely missed! The man  
got purple, shook his fist. Somebody grab that dog!

7

He dashed into a field of clover.



"Whew!" I thought. "The worst is over."

8

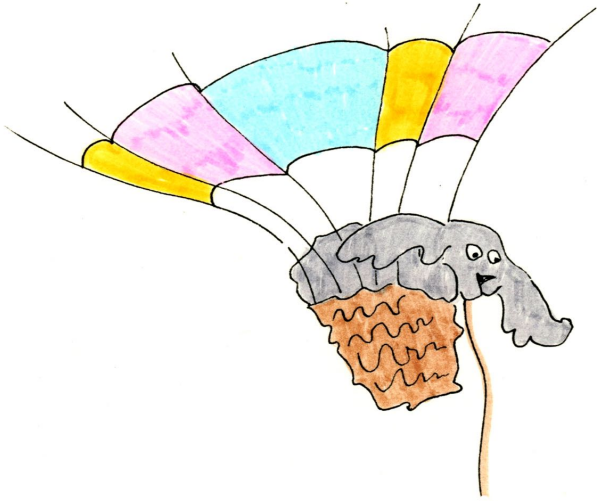
Then I heard a herd of "moos"



and saw sharp horns between my shoes.  
Somebody grab that dog!

9

He found a basket, hopped inside,



and away we blew on a dizzying ride.

10

I thought while dangling to and fro,



"Now isn't the best time to let go."

11



Somebody grab that dog!

12

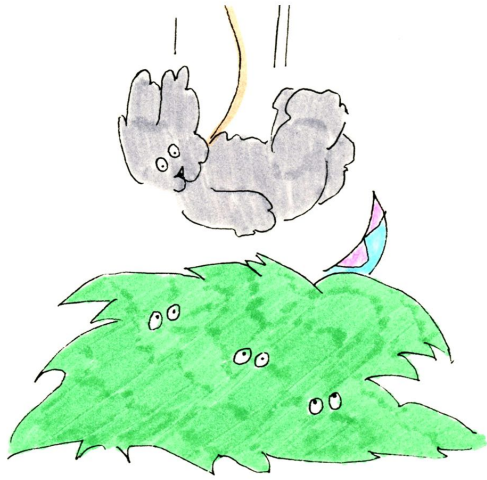
Up we sailed, towards the sun,



until an eagle, just for fun, pecked a hole.

13

Then down we tumbled, landing in a fearsome jungle.  
Tigers, monkeys, snakes galore...



I heard their chatter, hiss, and roar.

14

I said, "We'll leave here soon, I hope,"

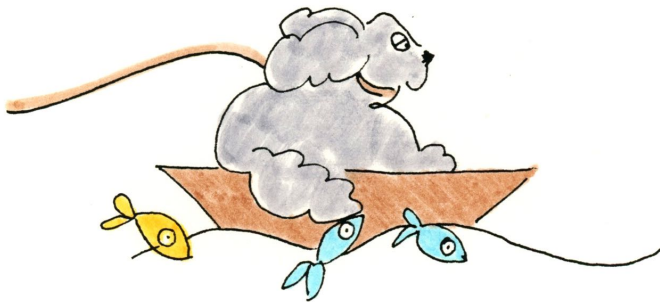


and wished I'd never caught that rope.

Somebody grab that dog!

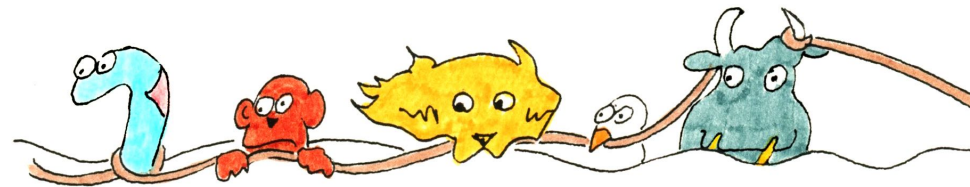
15

He hopped a boat and sped on down



a muddy river, wide and brown.

16

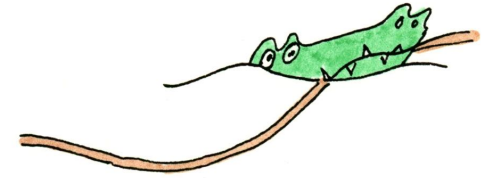




I swam quite fast. I didn't pause



to find out what had snapped its jaws.



Somebody grab that dog!

The waves got big, the water green.

The shore was nowhere to be seen.



The boat had sunk, but close at hand there was a rock on which to stand.

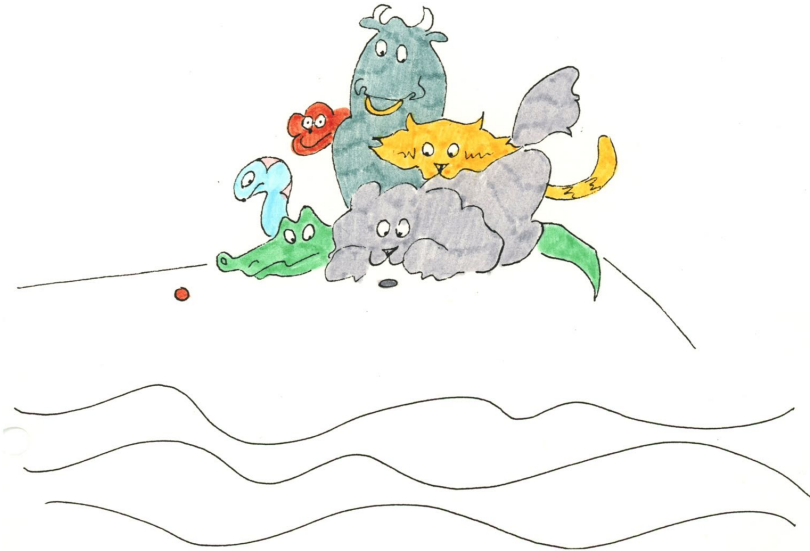
Now this white rock that had a tail,



I soon suspected was a whale.

but there was nothing to be done,

21



except play marbles, which I won.

22

At night when I began to miss



my blanket, bear, and good-night kiss,

a ship appeared! Our whale spouted...

23



passengers on board all shouted, "Somebody grab that dog!"

24

And then the captain brought us home.



He gave us cookies and a bone.

I thanked him. "I'm so glad," I said,



"that just as it was time for bed..."



somebody grabbed that dog!"