

Bedtime Story

In the great green room
there was a telephone
and a red balloon
and a picture of
the cow jumping over the moon.

And there were three little bears
sitting on chairs
and two little kittens
and whatever you mean

and a little toy house
and a young mouse
and apologies, no dimples
and a comb and his pear
that's what you say

Goodnight room
Goodnight moon
Ray's changed a lot this winter
Goodnight cow jumping over the moon
I'm still feeling that it'll be ok
Goodnight light
And the red balloon
You don't have to dress up to go
I wonder who left a pot on the floor so I
could stub my toe

In the great green room
there was a teddy bear
and a picture of the cow
There were three things
running through his head
and there were three tables of food
and there were three little bears sitting on chairs
and they thought it'd be a good
place to wait inside

In the great green room
there was a television
there was a teddy bear
and teardrops? or only teddy bears?
A teddy bear or two, Japanese
looked like they were having fun, sounded
like a chant

In the great green room there was a teddy bear
and a phantom
In the great green room there was a teddy bear
and a hot flashlight
In the great green room there was a teddy bear
and a kind of relief

There were three little bears sitting on chairs
And two kittens
These are from past car inspections
Goodnight comb
And goodnight brush
Goodnight nobody
(Need to spit up, Ada?)
Goodnight mush

And goodnight to the old lady
whispering "hush"
And goodnight to Wendy and Catherine
We're staying here a long time
Engage the oxen

In the great green room
there was a triumph for Oz
and a red balloon
and a picture of—
There were several things there

How about the cow jumping under the moon?
That'd be good
Or a sea cow?

There was a headphone
and a red balloon
and a picture of—
Look at all the scraps you have, Kate
She was jumping over the horizon
I don't think that was her

And two little kittens
The patch you get in your arm
to show us where the blood stops flowing
if it were to stop flowing

In the great green room
there were the three confident ways
and a part of being tough
is also to be honest and helpful

In the great green room
There was a minute
A moment—

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