

PLAY TIME

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Oh mother don't call me, the day can't be over,
My friends and I are still playing with Rover.

I'm a sheik of old with a scarf of bright blue
An hour ago I was in Timbuctu,
Riding a camel and fighting a bad guy,
He ran away, 'cause I made him cry.

Billy and Sarah, the prince and the princess
Sat in a tent and ate lamb and fishes.
The clothes they wore were real silk and satin,
While all they talked was the same old pig latin.

We've been abroad, and also to Mars
The aliens there eat out of jars.
When strangers pop in, the Martians get mean.
They hold their breath, and turn very green

They got excited when they saw our dog
they hopped around and looked like great frogs.
Then back down to earth we came at once
Nobody wanted to stay with that bunch.

We planned to be Arabs. It sounded like fun
To ride camels on sand dunes under the sun.
When you travel the desert, remember some things.
Take lots of water and avoid things that sting
Keep on your hat, the sun can get hot
If you boil away, all that's left is a spot.
For no doctors are there, no ambulances or nurses.
It's just you, your friend, the camels and horses.

If you get tired of the heat, the sand and the sun
Just close your eyes, smile, let your mind run.
Next thing you know you're at sea in a boat.
You're the captain of all but just wait -where's your coat?
With all that gold braid it must weigh a ton
A pirate might steal it, just for the fun.

Pirates are ugly, they also smell bad

If they try to get me, I'll send for my dad.

**A cop could protect me I thought of them too,
Next thing you know I was dressed in bright blue.**

**No one wanted to be the bad guy
So Rover was tagged to give it a try
We put on his collar to make him stand out
We told him, "go hide" - then we shout
"There he goes. We chased him round the yard
We caught him right quick. It wasn't hard.**

**We jailed him. We tied his leash down
Then we were judges-We all wore a gown
We sent him to jail for a very long time
We had to be tough, to punish the crime.
He's still there I think,
tied to the pipe under the sink.**

**Im really not finished the day isn't over
I have to go back and let out old Rover.**

Tomorrow we plan to go to China

I understand there's gold all over asia.

Mom you can come with us, it is lots of fun

Bring soda and cookies it is hot in the sun.

THE END