

2009 IATE Poetry and Prose Contest

Poem of Special Merit

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If You Give a Penguin a Popsicle: Numeroff Imitation

If you give a penguin a Popsicle,
He'll want a red one,
He'll then want a different color,

So you'll bring out the whole box that your mother bought at the store,
He'll then throw a tantrum because there was none left,

He'll want to make his own!
So you give him the molds to make them,
He'll pull out the molds before they are ready,

And they'll spill all over your new kitchen,
Once that mess is up,
He discovers the brisk cool breeze of the freezer that reminds him of his home in
Antarctica,

He'll want to build an igloo in your back yard,
But it is summer time and it's steaming outside,
Chances are he'll want to go back inside,

He discovers how the ice machine works and he stacks the cubes together until,
He has a tiny igloo,
This igloo reminds him of his family and friends,

So he'll want to make a documentary to send to his closest pals,
He'll ask for a camcorder,
He'll film the footage and discovers he wants to share it with the world,

He'll ask to use your computer to upload his video to You Tube,
When he applies the video you clean up the puddle of water that used to be an igloo,
Yet again you hear him hollering your name,

He has now given your computer a case of spy ware,
He then will use anti-virus software to restore it back to normal,

Next he'll ask for some eye drops because he got red eye from watching the computer screen for too long,
He'll run to the bathroom to put the drops in,
Just then he'll trip and fly into the bathtub,

He'll decide to take a bath seeing that he's already in the tub,
But the water isn't cold enough,
So he'll go to the kitchen for some ice cubes,

When he sees the ice cubes it reminds him of the cool fruit punch his aunt used to make,
And with his nice, cool, refreshing, fruit punch,
Chances are he'll want a red Popsicle to go with.