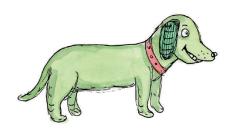


And Other Jolly Poems of Childhood



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To Isabelle and Toby and Rebecca and Natey, of course - CT



## COULD JENNY GET THIS SHOT FOR ME? I'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR HER!

I know this shot will guard me from the measles and the mumps — Diseases that could leave me with two different kinds of lumps. I'm glad the stuff that's in the shot will keep me safe from harm, But can't they put the needle into someone else's arm?

If so, my older sister is the person I'd prefer.

Could Jenny get this shot for me? I've done so much for her.

You once read her a fairy tale she loved, and ever since She's thought a certain frog, if kissed, would turn into a prince. Remember what I did for her? I'm sure you didn't miss it. I threw my pet frog in her lap, and then I said, "So, kiss it." That frog was only one of many favors that there were. Could Jenny get this shot for me? I've done so much for her.

Once, Jenny, on a summer day, was in her party clothes,
And, seeing just how hot she was, I sprayed her with the hose.
Once, noticing how much the same her dollies all appeared,
I gave one doll a different look by drawing on a beard.
She has to be so grateful for my favors — there've been many.
So could she get this shot for me? I've done so much for Jenny.

