

MY FAVORITE PET

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If I could choose an animal
To be my favorite pet
From all the world's animals,
I'd pick the best one yet.

It wouldn't curl up on my lap
Contentedly and purr.
It wouldn't eat sweet honey
And be covered with soft fur.

It wouldn't jump from limb to limb
And have a fluffy tail.
It wouldn't chew its cud and moo
And squirt milk in a pail.

It wouldn't crawl upon the ground
And shed its scaly skin.
It wouldn't swim 'round in a bowl
And have a tail and fin.

It wouldn't gallop down the road
And munch on oats and hay.
It wouldn't crawl along a branch
And hold its hands to pray.

It wouldn't have a great big hump
And walk on desert sand.
It wouldn't fan out its big tail
And strut around so grand.

It wouldn't sing and chirp and swing
Locked in a fancy cage.
It wouldn't have a golden mane
And roar out in great rage.

It wouldn't have a great long trunk
And great big fanning ears.
It wouldn't live in a barn
And hide when kitty nears.

It wouldn't bark and wag its tail
And chase after a ball.
It simply couldn't wouldn't be
Any of these at all.

But it could fly a long, long way
And show up in the spring,
Then stay with me all summer long
And hop and bob and sing.

With its red breast and yellow beak
You'll find it on the ground,
First listening with tilted head,
And then without a sound,

It would grab hold of something
And tug and pull and squirm,
Then bring to me its winning prize,
A big fat garden worm!

With a pet like this I could do
Just what I've been a wishing.

Have my pet catch big, fat worms
Then every day go fishing!

IDENTITY of ANIMALS

Stanza 2 - cat and bear
Stanza 3 - squirrel and cow
Stanza 4 - snake and fish
Stanza 5 - horse and praying mantis
Stanza 6 - camel and peacock
Stanza 7 - canary and lion
Stanza 8 - elephant and mouse
Stanza 9 - dog
Stanzas 10 - 13 - robin, my favorite pet