



Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)
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Choice A

The One Thing That Scares Me

by Alan Priestley

There's one thing — and only one thing —
That gives me a real scare.
It's not a fearsome crocodile
Or an angry grizzly bear.
It's not a ghost or ghoul
That fills me with fright,
Not skeletons or phantoms,
Or any spectral sight.

No!

The one thing that scares me is
Having to tell my teacher
Why I haven't done my homework
That should have been done last night.

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Choice B

My Mum Says

by John Foster

My mum says:

If you don't pick up your pyjamas
and fold them under your pillow,
I'll throw them out of the window
for the binmen to pick up.

If you don't go upstairs
and get washed immediately,
I'll take you into the garden
and turn the hosepipe on you.

If you don't hurry up
and get dressed at once,
I'll take you to school
in your knickers.

If you're not out of this door
in ten seconds' time,
I'll kiss you goodbye outside school.

My mum says:

You think I'm joking, don't you.