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## The Nose Hat

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## THE NOSE HAT

Black horses, tiny colored cars  
Flowery floats and red-nosed  
big-toed clowns- CLUTTER  
this street.

And a happy Gray Grandpa  
aside this street,  
wears a mouse's Hat,  
upon his nose. - Pointy  
with a tassel Jiggling on the end,  
Brite red,  
it glows.

A smile prevails  
under his Hat,  
when he asks  
the White Clowns to come  
shake hands.

With hands outstretched,  
like beggars on this street  
The children start giggling  
and smiling.

And all the parents drink tea  
Spiked with schnapps,  
and the kids, they shudder  
inside their coats and hats.

Then Grandpa stands  
Back...  
and takes off His Hat.

And I, his youngest grandchild  
Look up at him... Brown -  
scarf, red-nose, pink-cheeks and all

"Now, you  
Have...  
The family Hat"

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