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My Parakeet

I'm in love with my parakeet
From his beak down to his feet
Every time I hear him tweet
Hearts a-flutter, wings a-beat

Words I say he will repeat
As you all can see
I'm in love with my parakeet
And he's in love with me

Paul Cookson

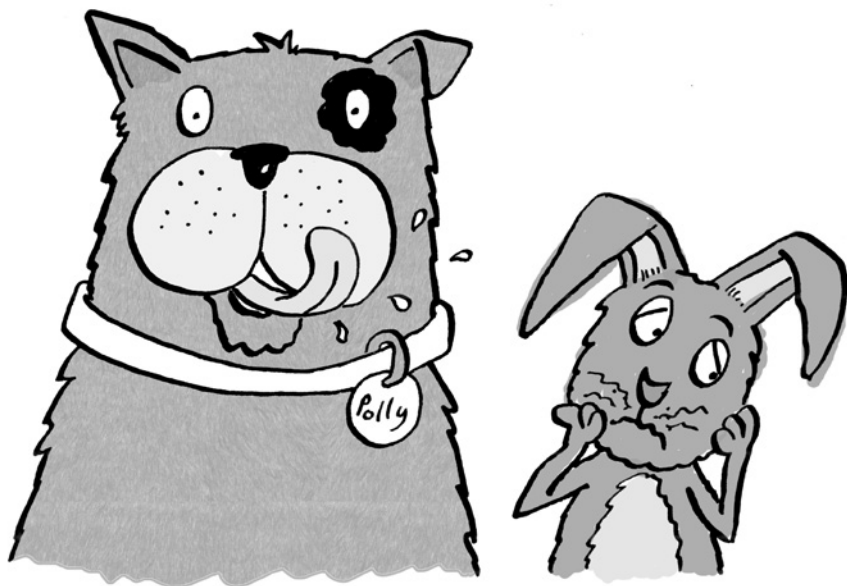


Four Crazy Pets

I've four crazy pets, all rather jolly –
Rover, Tiddles, Flopsy and Polly.
A dog, a rabbit, a parrot and a cat.
Which one's which? Can you guess that?

Rover's a dog? No!
Tiddles is a cat? No!
Flopsy's a rabbit? No!
Polly's a parrot? No!

My dog has the appetite of a small gorilla.
We called her Polly 'cause we can never fill her.



The rabbit has a habit of wetting where
we're standing.
We call him Tiddles 'cause the puddles
keep expanding.

Our cat purrs like an engine turning over
Vroom vroom vroom – so we call her Rover.

The fact that our parrot cannot fly is such
a shame.
Flopsy by nature and Flopsy by name.

Four crazy names! Wouldn't you agree?
I think my pets fit their names purrfectly.

Paul Cookson

