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A Splish-splash Day

When the rain comes down
And the sky turns grey
We jiggle our coats on
For a **splish-splash** day.

We **splish-splash** tramp
On the grass outside
While the worms wriggle past
And the snails slip-slide.

We stand in the gutter
With our **splish-splash** feet
While the raindrops spatter
On the **splish-splash** street.



We float bits of wood
In the rivers of rain.
They bob and they bounce
Down the **splish-splash** drain.

The rain drip-drops
On the houses and trees.
We jump in the puddles
As we **splish-splash** please.

John Parker

illustrated by Christine Ross



Night Noises

In the night
Cats fight ...
Spitting, scratching, hissing, howling,
Chasing, racing, hunting, prowling ...
Every night.

In the dark
Dogs bark ...
One will start, the rest reply,
Shouting dog news to the sky ...
When it's dark.

While we sleep
Hedgehogs creep ...
Snuffling, snorting as they pass,
Making pathways through the grass ...
While we're asleep.

Joy Watson

illustrated by Fraser Williamson



Michael had an apple,
Rosy from the tree,
Crunched it up
And munched it up.
One, two, three!
Seeds were in the apple,
Safe inside the core.
“Save the seeds,” said Michael.
Two, three, four!

Plant them in the garden,
Ring them round with sticks.
“Grow, grow, grow,” said Michael.
Four, five, six!

Michael grew some apples,
Put them on a plate,
Crunched them up
And munched them up.
Six, seven, eight!

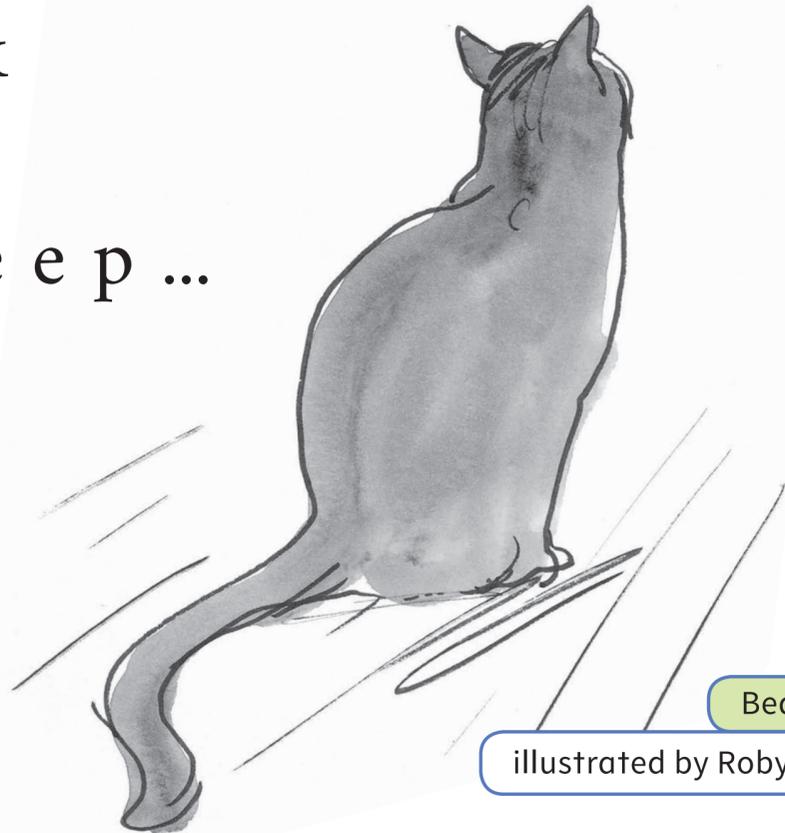
Nancy Bruce

illustrated by Elspeth Williamson

Catsways

In the dark my cat goes out
to walk
to talk
to stalk
to LEAP!

In the light my cat comes home
to drink
to blink
to purr
to s l e e p ...



Bea Hamer

illustrated by Robyn Belton



Caterpillars

What do caterpillars do?

Nothing much but chew and chew.

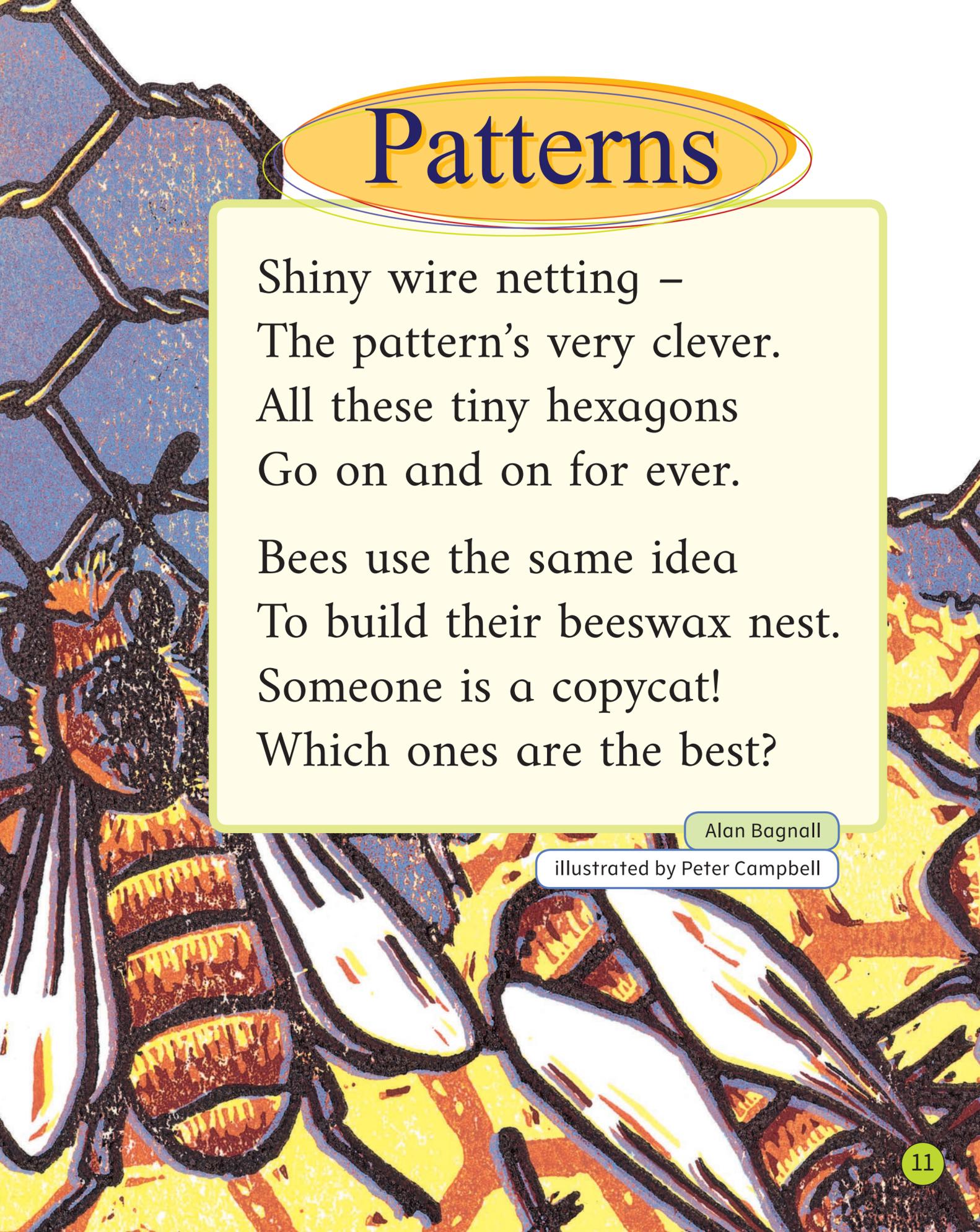
What do caterpillars know?

Nothing much but how to grow.

They just eat what by and by
will make them be a butterfly,

But that is more than I can do
however much I chew and chew.

Aileen Fisher

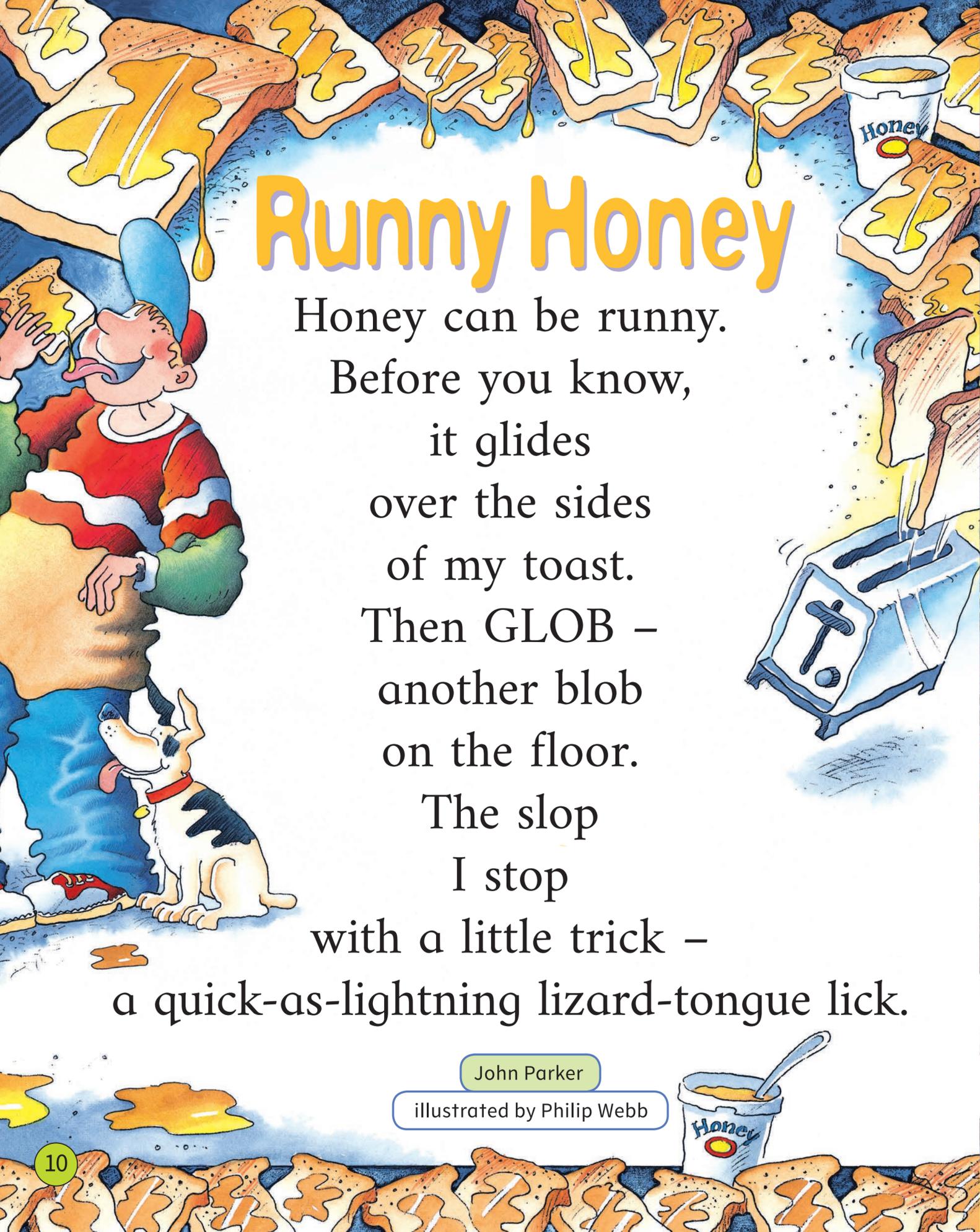


Patterns

Shiny wire netting –
The pattern's very clever.
All these tiny hexagons
Go on and on for ever.
Bees use the same idea
To build their beeswax nest.
Someone is a copycat!
Which ones are the best?

Alan Bagnall

illustrated by Peter Campbell



Runny Honey

Honey can be runny.
Before you know,
it glides
over the sides
of my toast.
Then GLOB –
another blob
on the floor.
The slop
I stop
with a little trick –
a quick-as-lightning lizard-tongue lick.

John Parker

illustrated by Philip Webb



GUMMY BUBBLE

Bubblegum bubble
Getting **bigger**,
Almost double,
Gummy bubble,
Growing bubble,
Getting **bigger** ...
POP!

No bubble.
Here's Mum.
Messy trouble,
Popped bubble,
Big bubblegum
Bubble trouble.

Simon Cooke

illustrated by Christine Tate

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