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# Eric Carle **THE NONSENSE SHOW**

Dedicated to Joanna Carey

For **René Magritte**, the Belgian surrealist artist who famously painted a realistic pipe and wrote underneath “*Ceci n’est pas une pipe.*” (This is not a pipe.)



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Welcome, friends!  
Don't be slow.  
Step right up to  
The Nonsense Show!



“I’m too wet!” said the Bird.  
“I can’t fly! It’s absurd!”



“I’m too dry! How I wish  
I could swim!” said the Fish.

“Ouch!  
Who’s that in my pouch?”

