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For Lola, assistance dog, lifesaver and friend
LB

For my best friends: Joanna, Daisy and Will
MG

For Joe, Steph and Sam
RS

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The Same Inside

Red perfumed apples
and crunchy, crisp green,
used straight from the tree
or in tasty cuisine,
like honey nut charoset
and pies with ice cream.

In Fujis from Co-ops
and Cox's from Spar,
or Java apples
from far Zanzibar;
look inside any apple
and there is a star!

Liz Brownlee



What's My Name?

I'm the sun that lights the playground before
the work begins

I'm the smile when teacher cracks a joke. I'm
the giggles and the grins

In assembly I'm the trophy that the winning
team collects

In your maths book I'm the page of sums
where every one's correct

I'm the pure blue sky and leafy green that
wins the prize in art

I'm steamy, creamy custard dribbling down
the cook's jam tart

I'm the noise of playtime rising through the
stratosphere

I'm the act of kindness when you lent your
kit to Mia

I'm the star you were awarded for your
startling poetry

I'm the school gates swinging open on the
stroke of half past three

If you look for me, you'll find me. What's my
name? Can you guess?

I live just round the corner and my name is
happiness

Roger Stevens



Being Human

So many pupils in our school
So many hands to hold
So many languages spoken
All with stories to be told

So many ways to look at life
So many jokes and laughs
So many dreams to follow
All with different paths

So many journeys started
All out for a happy end
So many types of human
So many words for friend

Liz Brownlee

Fingerprints

I try to find where mine
begin and end

frustratedly, I check
those of my friend

she watches, gentle-eyed
starts to speak:

don't try to understand
what is unique

Matt Goodfellow

Puzzle

we are

all

jigsaw pieces

before

we

are gone

we

must

find

a

way

to
fit
together
as

one

Matt Goodfellow