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A vibrant, stylized illustration of a residential street. The houses are in various colors like yellow, red, and orange, with brown tiled roofs and chimneys. A central house has a red door and a path leading to it. A person is walking on a crosswalk on the right. There are trees, a fence, and laundry hanging on a line. The scene is set in a hazy, overcast atmosphere.

There's a Thing on my street.
He lives at number 52.

I see him sitting in his garden
when I walk to school.



Sometimes, I see the Thing in his front room.



Sometimes, I see him at the shops.
I don't think he has any friends.



So I asked my mum if we could buy the Thing a flower. He liked it very much.

“Come inside,” he said.

“I was just about to have a cup of gravy.”