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Big bug hugs for Lauren and Madeleine,  
my not-so-little-any-more bugs, with all my love.  
Without you two, this would be an empty book.

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# HEY, LITTLE BUG!

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LITTLE  
CREATURES



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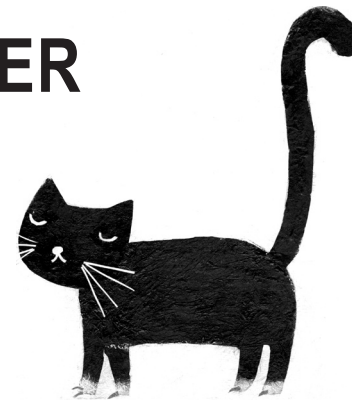
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# Happy Poem

Happy as a rainbow  
happy as a bee  
happy as a dolphin  
splashing in the sea

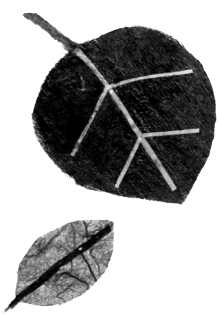
Happy as bare feet  
running on the beach  
happy as a sunflower  
happy as a peach

Happy as a poppy  
happy as a spoon  
dripping with honey  
happy as June

Happy as a banjo  
plucking on a tune  
happy as a Sunday  
lazy afternoon

Happy as a memory  
shared by two  
happy as me...  
when I'm with you!





## Busy Bugs

*Out in the garden  
look down low  
see all the busy bugs  
come and go*

Wiggly bugs  
that can't keep still

Tiny bugs  
that build a hill

Shiny bugs  
that feed on leaves

Spotty bugs  
that climb up trees

*Out in the garden...*

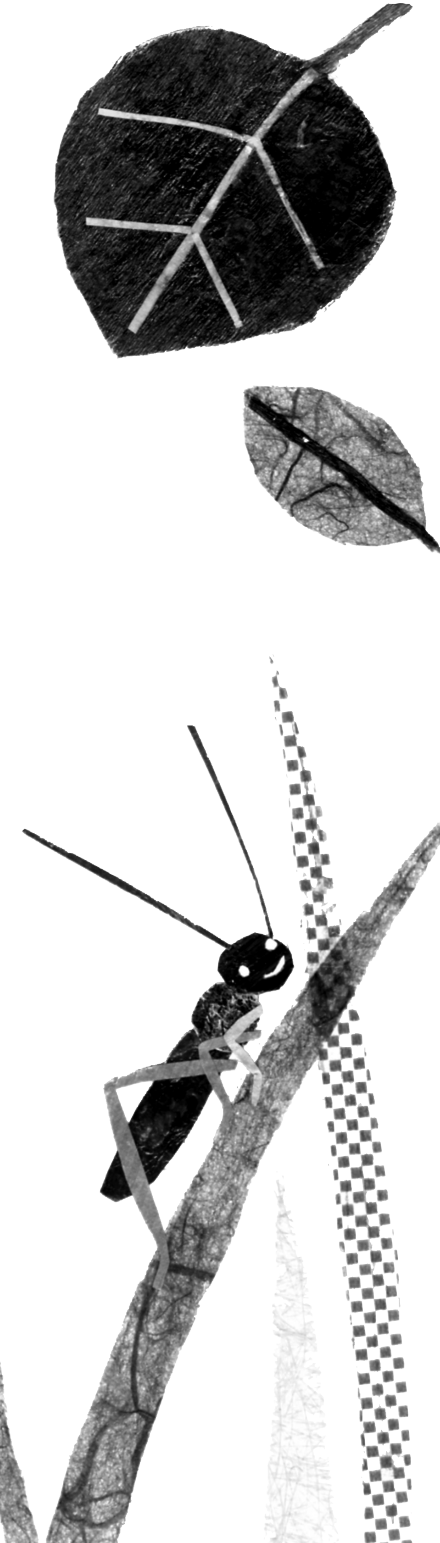
Noisy bugs  
that live in grass

Bouncy bugs  
that move so fast

Crawly bugs  
that hide in sand

Tickly bugs  
that like your hand!

*Out in the garden...*



## Bug Hug

*gimme a hug!* Hey, little *gimme a hug!*

bug – how  
do you hug –

or cuddle or kiss

*gimme a hug!* your mum or sis – *gimme a hug!*

with all those arms  
and legs and things –

and wiggly bits and

*gimme a hug!* wobbly wings? For *gimme a hug!*  
however hairy or

creepy or scary

even the ugliest

bug needs  
a HUG!



## Bed Bugs

We love to bite – oh yes, it's true  
if you were a bug  
then so would you!

When you're at play  
we're starved all day  
when you drop off  
we have our scoff!

Life is good  
and that's for sure  
but hey, you humans



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PLEASE

DON'T

**SNORE!**