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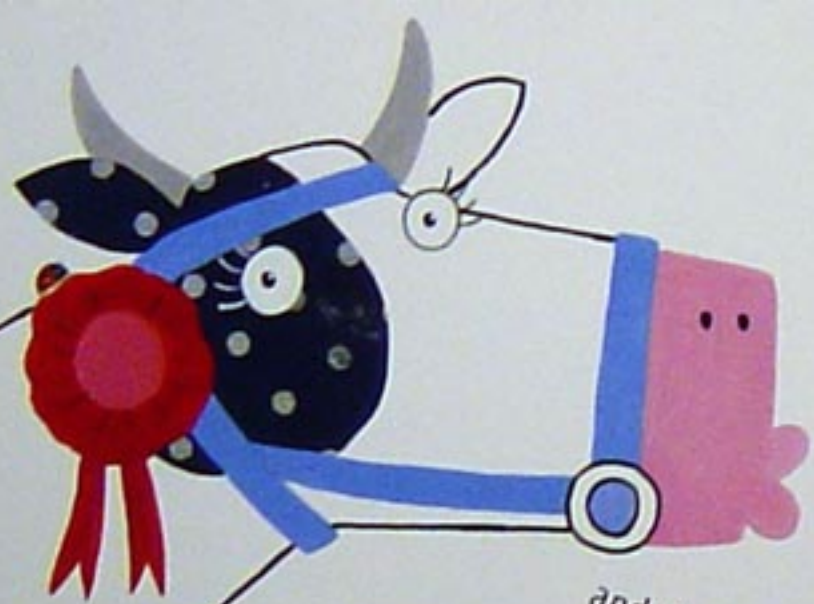
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Once upon a farm lived a fat red hen,  
A duck in a pond and a goose in a pen,  
A woolly sheep, a hairy hog,  
A handsome horse and a dainty dog,  
A cat that miaowed and a cat that purred,



A fine prize cow . . .  
and a ladybird.



And the cow said, "MOO!"

and the hen said, "CLUCK!"



"NEIGH!" said the horse.



"OINK!" said the hog.



"HISS!" said the goose

and "QUACK!" said the duck.



"BAA!" said the sheep

and "WOOF!" said the dog.



One cat miaowed while the other one purred ...

