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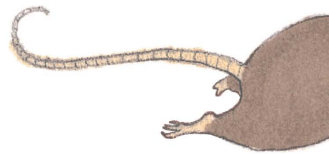
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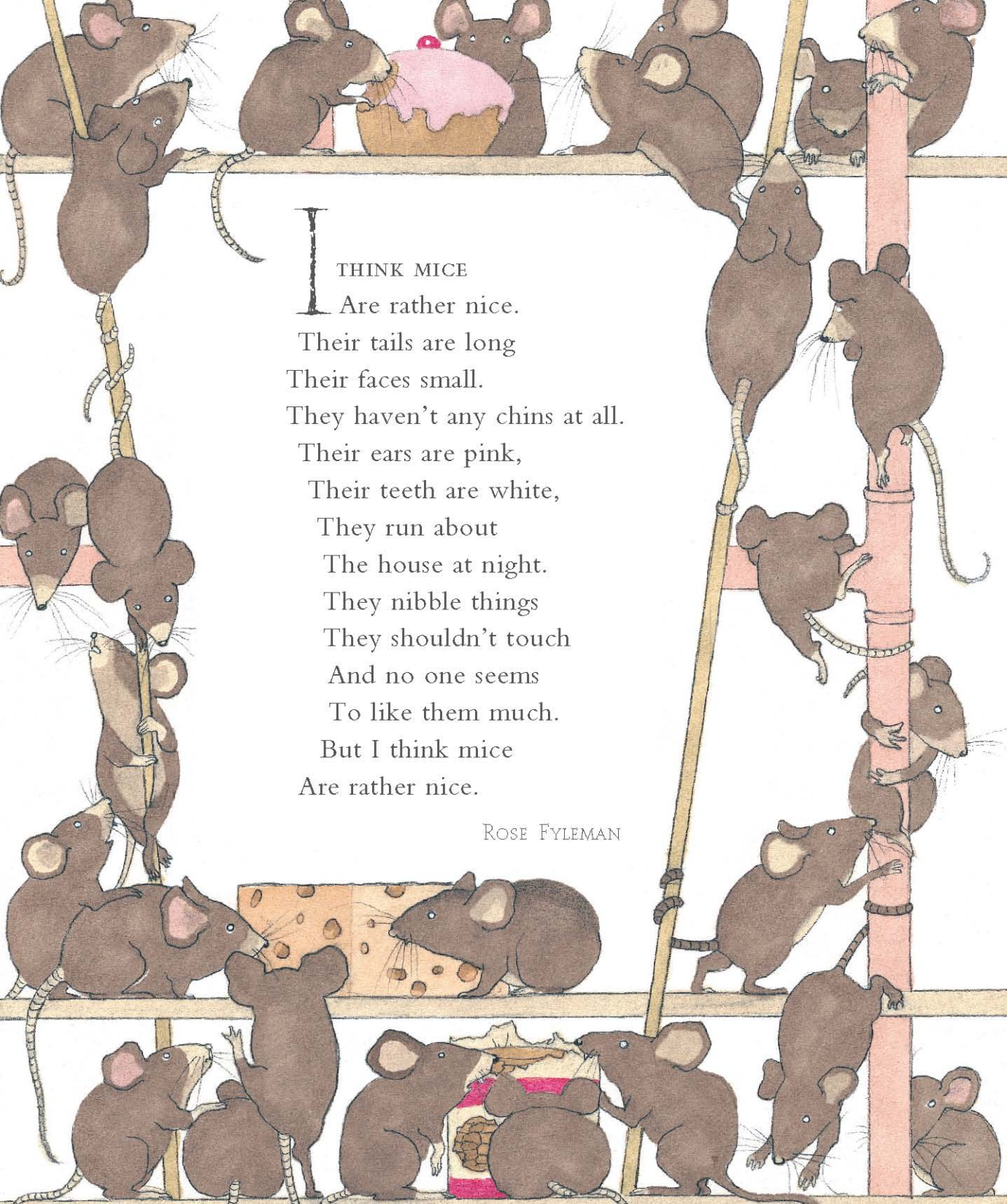


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Verses from
TINY TIM



The illustration depicts a scene with several brown mice. At the top, a group of mice is gathered on a wooden shelf; one mouse is eating a pink-frosted cupcake with a cherry on top. On the right side, two vertical poles are shown. One is a plain wooden pole, and the other is a pink-painted pole. Several mice are climbing these poles, some using their tails for grip. At the bottom, another wooden shelf holds a large wedge of Swiss cheese and a red-and-white striped bag of popcorn. Mice are shown eating from the cheese and the popcorn bag. The background is plain white, making the brown mice and their activities stand out.

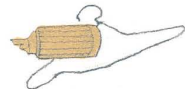
I THINK MICE
Are rather nice.
Their tails are long
Their faces small.
They haven't any chins at all.
Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white,
They run about
The house at night.
They nibble things
They shouldn't touch
And no one seems
To like them much.
But I think mice
Are rather nice.

ROSE FYLEMAN



D

OWN BEHIND THE DUSTBIN
I met a dog called Jim.
He didn't know me
And I didn't know him.





NEW SHOES, NEW SHOES,
Red and pink and blue shoes,
Tell me what would you choose
If they'd let us buy?

Buckle shoes, bow shoes,
Pretty pointy-toe shoes,
Strappy, cappy low shoes;
Let's have some to try.

Bright shoes, white shoes,
Dandy dance-by-night shoes,
Perhaps-a-little-tight shoes;
Like some? So would I.



BUT





Flat shoes, fat shoes,
Stump-along-like-that shoes,
Wipe-them-on-the-mat shoes
O that's the sort they'll buy.

