



The Beginning of Things

ONE THING WE ALL AGREE ON IN OUR
house is that we like looking forward
to Christmas.

My favourite song for this time of the year is
'The Twelve Days of Christmas'.
I'm not sure exactly what it is about.
I used to think it was Christmas shopping,
but Betty Moody says it's to do with
the twelve days AFTER Christmas.

But why would someone give you
ALL those presents when it is all OVER?

And why would they give you
so many BIRDS?



It might be to do with
the Christmas sales
but Betty says they
DIDN'T have sales
in the
olden days.

When Christmas begins
I sing
'The Twelve Days of Christmas'
ALL THE TIME
but I tend not to know
what comes AFTER
the seven swans
are swimming.

Talking of seven, we are also seven in our family.
Which is:

my mum and my dad,
my older brother, Kurt,
my older sister, Marcie,
Me, Clarice Bean,
my grandad, who is an
actual live-in older relative,
and my younger brother,
Minal Cricket.

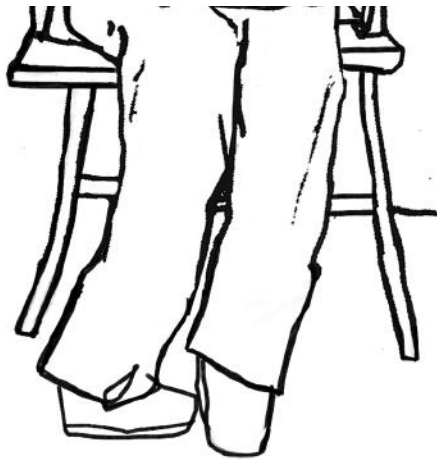
If we were like those
families in the books,
we would look like THIS,



all nicely sitting down, listening to each other
in a smiling way – like you see
on the Christmas cards.

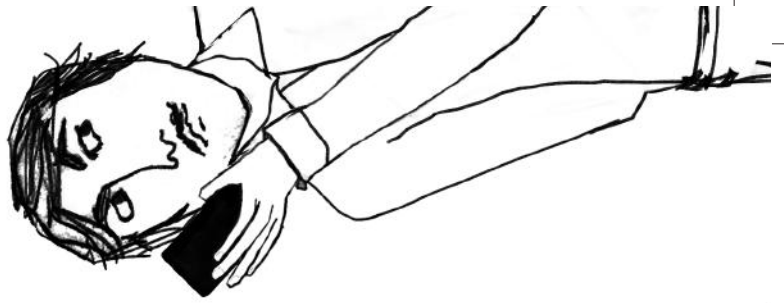


But usually, actually, we look more like THIS . . .



which is talking
or
NOT talking
all at the same time
from different
rooms.





I live on Navarino Street,
 number 7, and I know LOTS
 of the people in our road.
 At Christmastime there is
 more helloing
 and this is because of the
 Christmas spirit.



Christmas cannot be Christmas
 without the Christmas spirit
 so it is IMPORTANT to
 keep an eye on it and
 NOT let it float away.

