

## *To See a World*

To see a world in a grain of sand  
And a heaven in a wild flower,  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour.

*William Blake*

## *Hope on a Rope*

If you don't  
want to lose hope,  
tie it to a rope and pull  
yourself to safety. Because  
hope has the power to lift  
you up – whether your  
troubles are  
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*Brian Bilston*

## *Picking teams*

When we pick teams in the playground,  
Whatever the game might be,  
There's always somebody left till last  
And usually it's me.

I stand there looking hopeful  
And tapping myself on the chest,  
But the captains pick the others first,  
Starting, of course, with the best.

Maybe if teams were sometimes picked  
Starting with the worst,  
Once in his life a boy like me  
Could end up being first!

*Allan Ahlberg*

## *Best Friends*

It's Susan I talk to not Tracey,  
Before that I sat next to Jane;  
I used to be best friends with Lynda  
But these days I think she's a pain.

Natasha's all right in small doses,  
I meet Mandy sometimes in town;  
I'm jealous of Annabel's pony  
And I don't like Nicola's frown.

I used to go skating with Catherine,  
Before that I went there with Ruth;  
And Kate's so much better at trampoline:  
She's a showoff, to tell you the truth.

I think that I'm going off Susan,  
She borrowed my comb yesterday;  
I *think* I might sit next to Tracey,  
She's my nearly best friend: she's OK.

*Adrian Henry*