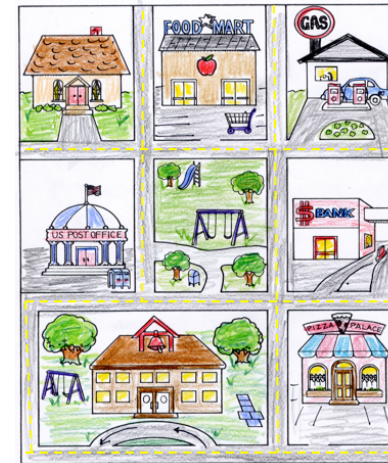


Neighborhoods

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And most of the houses don't sit out there alone
They have yards in-between and places to hide
With places so small that you can't even ride.

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Neighborhoods are places that you go every day
To work, go to school and to play.

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Sidewalks to skip on that don't seem to end -
Turning back to where you think you began
To places you know and places to meet

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Neighborhoods are schools, apartments, parks, and paths—
Trees and birds and dogs, and cats -
Churches, houses, stores, and friends.



Bikes parked in the bike rack, next to the road
All of the streets are close to home.



Like the four way stop that intersects your street.
With truck and parked cars that never get towed.



But your friend can find you just like he should,
'cause he knows all the places in the neighborhood good.