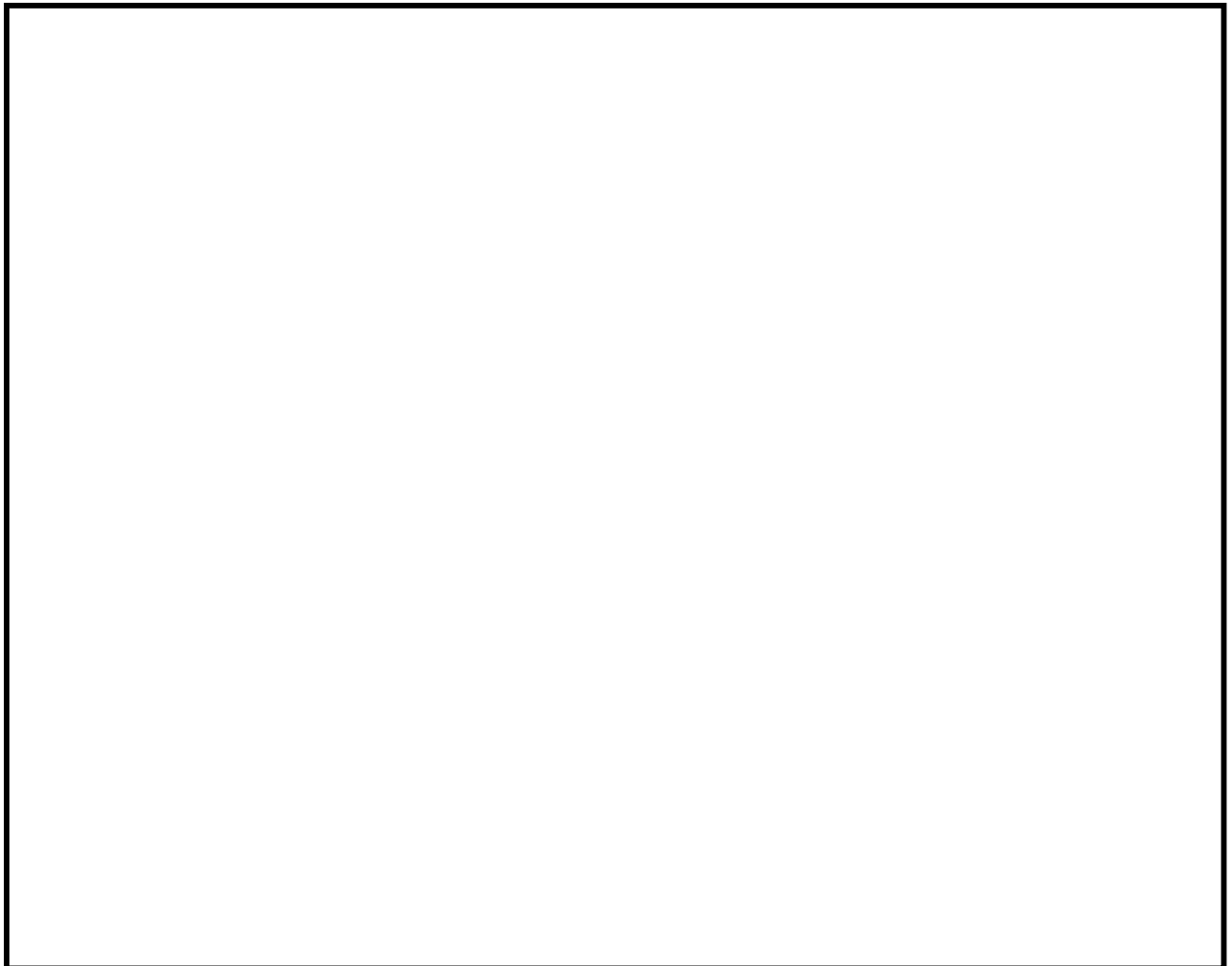


My
Shel Silverstein
Poetry Book

Come Skating

They said come skating;
They said it's so nice.
They said come skating;
I'd done it twice.
They said come skating;
It sounded nice....
I wore roller-
They meant ice.



Crowded Tub

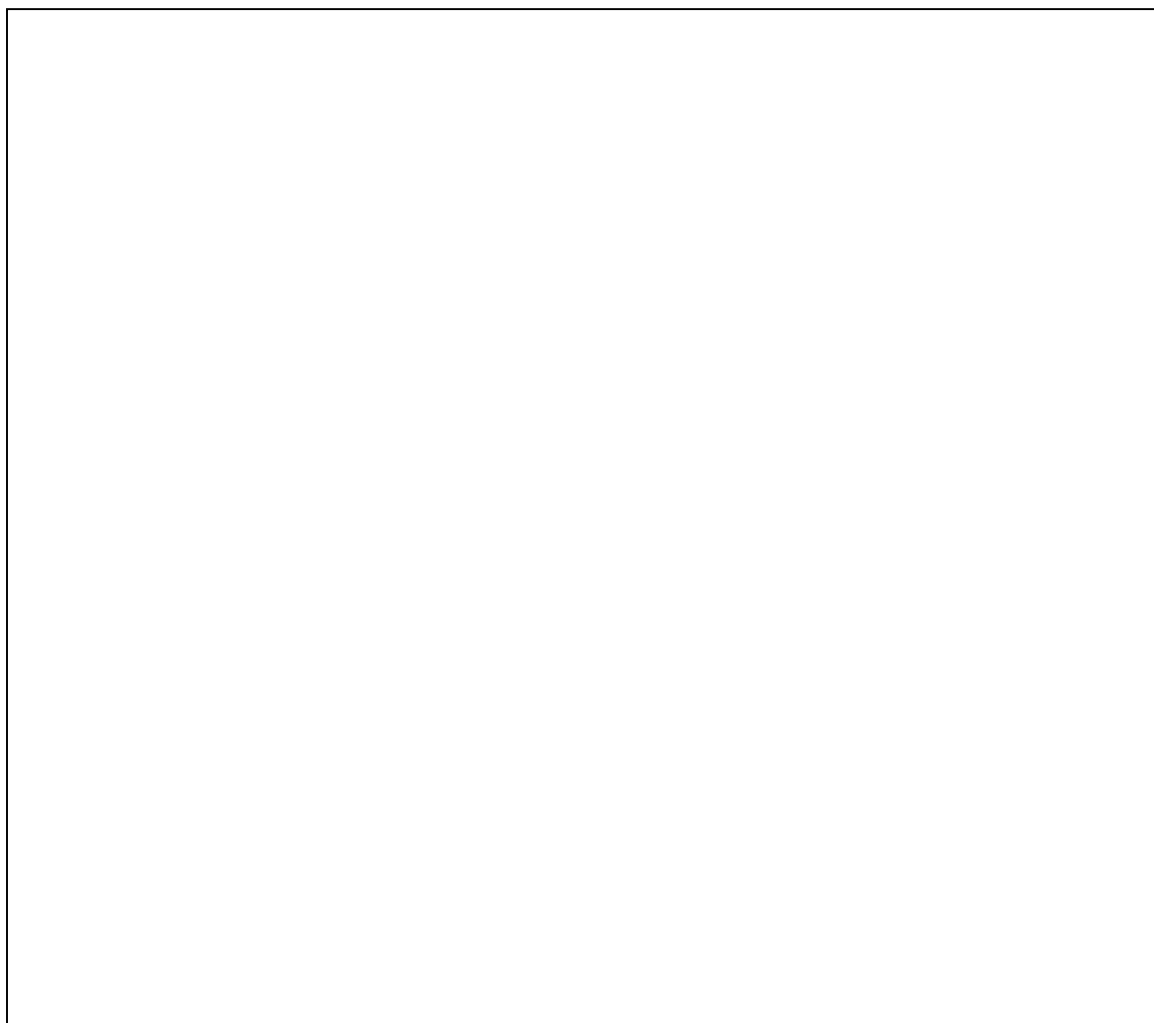
There's too many kids in this tub.
There's too many elbows to scrub.
I just washed a behind
That I'm sure wasn't mine,
There's too many kids in this tub.

Examination

I went to the doctor-
He reached down my throat,
He pulled out a shoe
And a little toy boat,
He pulled out a skate
And a bicycle seat,
And said 'Be more careful
About what you eat.'

Batty

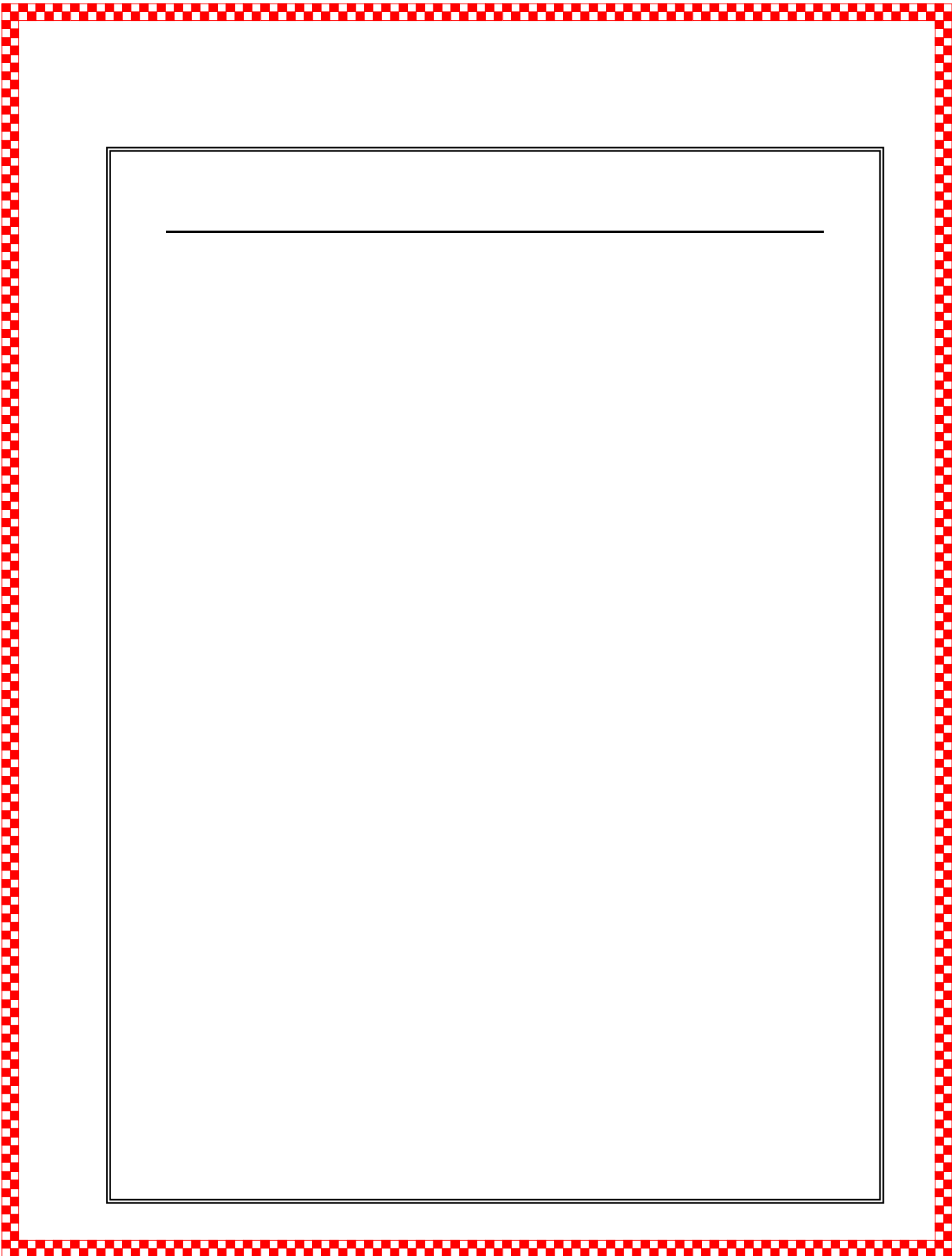
The baby bat
Screamed out in fright,
'Turn on the dark,
I'm afraid of the light.'



Loser

Mama said I'd lose my head
If it wasn't fastened on.
Today I guess it wasn't
'Cause while playing with my cousin
It fell off and rolled away
And now its gone.

And I can't look for it
'Cause my eyes are in it,
And I can't call to it
'Cause my mouth is on it
(Couldn't hear me anyway
'Cause my ears are on it),
Can't even think about it
'Cause my brain is in it.
So I guess I'll sit down
On this rock
And rest for just a minute...



SHOE TALK

There's no one to talk with -
I'll talk with my shoe.
He does have a tongue
And an inner soul, too.
He's awfully well-polished,
So straitlaced and neat
(But he talks about nothing
But feet - feet - feet).



Instructions for making your own Poetry Book.

1. Decorate the front cover neatly.
2. Read 'Come Skating'. Think of an activity you can write a Poem about.... Come swimming or, Come running etc., Model your Poem on the one you read. Write it under the 'Come Skating' Poem.
3. Read – 'Crowded' and 'Examination'.
4. Read – 'Batty'. Think of an animal you would like to write about. Write a Poem based on 'Batty' with different ideas and words.
5. Read the funny Poem - 'The Loser'. Think of something funny you could write about. Brainstorm some interesting words. Model your Poem from 'the Loser'.
6. Read – 'Shoe Talk'. Think of another Object you could write a Poem about. Maybe a Bottle, hat, Cup, etc.,

Have Fun writing Poetry!

**Email us your BEST Poem and we will post it
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