

Road Safety Links to Literacy

Year 4

Read the poems on the sheet. Now write your own road safety poem. You could make it sad, or funny, angry or serious. BUT make sure the road safety message is CLEAR!



Happy Harry

*Happy Harry
Laughed all day
Couldn't keep
a smile away
but one sad day –
A tragedy!
A car hit Harry,
Fatally!
Poor old Harry
Beep-beep-honk
Laughed his head off
Ha, ha, bonk!*

Colin McNaughton

Calamity Jim

*This is the tale of Calamity Jim.
The bike he rode was too big for him.
The tyres were soft, there wasn't a bell,
if anyone got in Jim's way, he would yell.
The pedals were bent, the chain was too slack,
there wasn't a brake on the wheel at the back.
"Who needs good brakes?" Jim said, "for I've found
I can stop by putting my feet on the ground.
I wouldn't mind having a really smart bike,
yet this old crate goes just as fast as I like!"
Then Jim jumped on his bike and pedalled like mad.
He came to a hill and that silly young lad
Went faster and faster and faster and
faster..... Now Jim's arm's in a sling and his
leg is in plaster!!*

Anon