

Things that interest children

Dog years
Cat years
Hours in a day on other planets
Days in a year on Mars
How many yards in a mile
Miles per hour
Pennies and cents
Six equals five
Train stop names in order
Routes on Sundays to special places
Presence of a handkerchief
And gate key
Quite a lot
All required for exploring
Many other facts too
Some more for the page
To write down
With an excellent biro
Shepherding information in.

Painted Words

Boyhood weapons

A small dart

Made from a pin, fuse wire, match stick and paper fins

Paper water bomb

Rubber band stretch along a ruler

Rubberbands looped to form a slingshot

To fire bent nails

Spit

Wet tennis ball flung hard

Owoh!

Back of the leg

Flicked towel in the swimming pool lockers

Thumb tacks placed with delicious meanness

Which I did not do

Glue on a step

Tried once

Ganging up

Tease

Sticks

Stones

But best of all

Words

They hurt

They always hurt.

Painted Words

Coca Cola Yo Yo

Yo yo
Up and down
Soft string wound around
Beautiful symmetry spinning free
Flick and hold
Walk on the floor
Twitch again and watch it climb
Alive in the hand
Vibrations running thru
Balance in the mind
A meditation
Bending time
Open to adventure
Swaying and rocking
Climbing again
Outwards
Around the world
Do it once
Do it twice
Thrice!
Getting good now
Slow to a stop
Check the string
Wrap it firm
Tuck it in
Smooth in the pocket
Nicely done.

Painted Words

Comics

Comics
Phantom hunts again
Emerging dork from the pages
To enter my life
Saving people
Loving his animals
Going on into cities
From the jungle
This family man
King of the pigmies
Sure fire shot

Super man
Batman
They had the lot
Impossible quests
Just in time
Rapidly drawn with vigour
Each cartoon a box
Hard
Adhesive
Linked in action
Andy Warhol?
Piss weak

Incredible Hulk
Spiderman
The Joker
Eccentric and colourful
Beyond didactic
Feel it in the brain
Fragments of furry
Plots twisted into knots
Knots cut
Falling, falling, falling
Caught in time
Wham stars
Bulky bangs
Sharp
Limp bodies flying
Bullies crying
A kiss for the hero
Soft breasts

Read too many
Feel hot and giddy
A lot of lollies
Hours of TV
Shintaro
Get Smart
Theme music muzak
After a while
When pimples came
Put away the commix
For another game.

Painted Words

Mars

On Mars
At a guess
New to me
Twitching in the suit
Helmet like a bubble
Pure egg form
Clear all around
Protecting me
Suit hisses a little
Valves easing and pressing
Gloves stretching
Finely embracing my fingers

Two year flight
Semi dead
Breathing slow
Drugged in day long shifts
Blowing time away
No pain or drain
Waking now
Forward looking
Calming the self
Away from the ship

Spaceman
Most alone
Alone you do not kill
Just provide data
And live on

One year
Two
Move through
Contribute to human kind
Mind controlled for a while
Decay and terror
Or
Terror and then decay
Drugs in my mind
Giving me moods

Stunning Mars
Very amazing up close
Wish for nothing more
My secret.