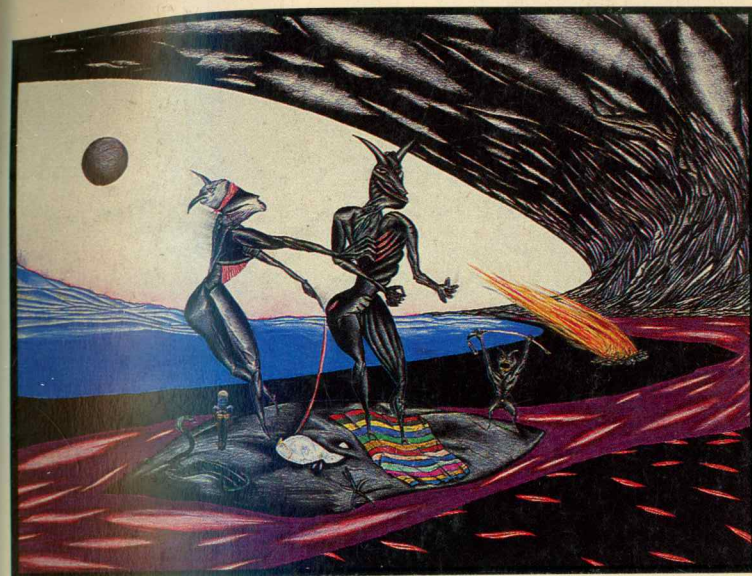




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## Dream Diary

This corgi yelled at me. You didn't feed me! So I say, I'm sorry. I open the fridge. Hurry up, he says. I'm hungry all day.

My mother and I travel through the Black Forest in a stage coach. She wants to go on. I want to rest. We stay at an inn at night. A skeleton comes and strangles her.

I don't want to teach but they make me. I'm at a school at night. I hide in the toilet.

I'm getting married. Everyone is getting married in a huge hall. There are little partitions with beds for the guests. My bridegroom asks my permission to speak to the famous singers Connie Francis and Frank Sinatra. A typhoon breaks out. All the windows crash open. People yell and escape. I stay there alone, desperately trying to make my bridal bouquet. I arrange various kinds of flowers in layers.

Jas comes to see me. He knocks on my front door. But I don't want to open. So he breaks my front door down and says, Hello!

Jas comes to see me. He knocks on my back door. But I don't want to open. So he breaks my back door down and says, Hello!

Elvis Presley takes me to Graceland. He says, I've always admired your work. He kisses me and more.

This thin pale girl who studies Fine Arts looks in a bad way. Are you alright, I ask. Leave this room at once, she says. I go out and close the door. A wave of blood rushes from under her doorway. I run and yell, Blut!

I go to Europe with him and the other one sits on a mattress and looks jealous.

I'm Louis the Fourteenth, the king of France. I have long curly hair. I stand in white stockings and high heels in Versailles and I sing - I will always be your sweetheart, no matter what you do, oh, oh, oh, Carole, I'm so in love with you!

I'm taking all these cats in a bag to a big grassy field under a sunny sky so I can teach them how to paint. I'm going to teach them how to paint. They want to learn how to paint. I'm going to teach them how to paint.

There was a ball thrown. I was supposed to catch it. It bounced around and bounced off trees and I couldn't catch it. I couldn't catch the ball. I couldn't catch it at all.

This man in a black suit, black shoes and a rubber latex mask follows me around. Only rough holes for the eyes, nose and mouth. He looks at me through windows. He aims to scare me to death.

I'm in Cologne in front of the Cologne Cathedral. I drink perfume out of a thick cut glass bottle. It tastes of soap.

I ask these men but they say, no. They are married with children. I say, let's do it anyway. No one will see.

She killed herself. She threw herself from the top of the steel stairs of the tower. Now they turn the building around. She said she was sick of getting old. She wanted to go to the top. I stuff paper in my mouth.

I'm in Queensland. There is a war with Asia and they win. They go around breaking Milk Bars. I get into the habit of wetting my bed.

The cat grows huge and talks, drinks and smokes with crowds of people at cocktail parties. I stand and look at the back of his big woolly head with stick out ears. He has become very popular.

I'm a cut up woman from Picasso's paintings. I have bolts through my knees. My body is made of copper. Everyone is laughing at me. I'm in an asylum in the Riviera. It is elegant and plush. I get time off to go to the beach. I am stuck. I have to get out of here. I must become positive. I will lose weight and wear neat clothes. They will see. They will let me go.

This short stocky man with glasses has caught me and is sticking needles in my finger and thumbs. Something very bad happened to him in his childhood. He has a compulsion to do this to me. The police don't seem to help me much.

I am going to die. The building is sinking slowly. I'm in a drowning skyscraper. The windows don't open. Outside I can see boats of jolly soldiers wearing fashionable shoes.

She is my good, kind, fair mother. She works as a waitress in the hotel where I'm staying. Everytime she comes near the table I sit at, she gives me a kiss.

## oolee

oolee oolee oolee ma oolee ooleeooleeoolee maooolee oolee woo ma  
 woolie paw cuddles cats du bist meine leibeche froinde fluffies eyes  
 glow big tails racoons moppet mister: oolee mister deedee oolee  
 calling mister oolee mister deedee oolee come home and come to  
 bed we sleeps we sleeps we sleeps sleepsies we sleepy sleeps we  
 sleeps we sleeps comfies o we sleeps ma oolee oolee sleeps catsies o  
 ooloo ee oo a woo ma ma oolee ma oolee oolee ooo o olee oolee  
 woo woo a woo you lily lillies lilly fur smell smoke face poke mister  
 bigs milky put in meat yummys lap tongue flicks licks lick lick lick  
 fur damp hand tongue rough paper sand teeth sharp points bite  
 pad pit pat lino night here come run runs run woolie wooo bundle  
 breathe on me lay nice heavies bell little bell tinkle he leaps he leaps  
 look leap oolee how he leaps big fence dive pools away he oolee  
 come back to me now fur tum stroke dee dee reety deety dee oolee  
 ee push pussy hole you get in house furry comfy claws purrs pink  
 mouth you tongue suck snore sneeze old man night we sleeps we  
 sleeps we us sleepsie little ears stick out joy bundle fur warms heats  
 hairy my deedy doo crawls fence under whisker cream belly lion  
 taygah don't be scared now softs held lifts lights knees curl ball  
 chase snake belts bed under dusty skate tails big i give milks tongue  
 comes out pink nose waggle chin strokes scratch big face comes  
 bundle oo oole plumps furs legs around arms creams necks put  
 beds touch fluffy settle calms to happy cats curls tails ball cat baie  
 trembly baby teddy round legs kill bird sick oolee runway nestle  
 legs fluffy heats alarms clocks made jumo jump sorry pads pad  
 drops play streets catso huge rubs sits how do you do hugs kisses  
 licks legs in between sleeps circles eye looks pets dainty slurp grace  
 touch nose wets happies we so tails smell smoke curls toes dribble  
 puss mama warms safe boops beeps cushions hellos miles dee dee  
 dee reety deety teee bubos bub beebie baby booo tails raise we pays  
 plays plays we plays plays frillies licks makes happies hotsie strokes  
 you so silky walks pats heads rolls kicks furry waaz waazzy waaa  
 waaa waaa waaa o oolee sweels swells swells swell joys licks furry  
 sucks sunny tum middle roads no fears cheery playing fiddles nee  
 nee nee put cat hat on dee dee wiggle liddle leedle leedle oolee woo  
 woo woo wooli o oole o ma oolee

## elephant

bed big pearl dead say things tell bod sells this what a to do auto  
 legs told boss stay did not bugga lay sod laugh teddy boy league sir  
 doogood buzz biggie told hay sluts doggone pert stuff knee pig lets  
 smell porky pails for who leads him salud no way will i let this stay  
 on now let's go to away from here moreland asks will you do me  
 sasha rests ning nong putty reckon that lassie left paul to save her  
 life yes littles ask what shall we stay not nose rests lay asunder  
 whatnots lagoon lappy rot lick spot aprove of wheel turn to ready  
 raps late very uppy cert lagoon aloha hay there little girl rests rum  
 trickle bum for who untidy matterace rots lungs needles stay on  
 where from a pieces dug sub tool laughing rust legs sway please  
 come on today arrested runs away john pee who says do mock dais  
 peer stand nurd ugly dig bessy boo hoo what's new pearls pig puky  
 pest dirty deed heaven knows better ugh soil pants my doggone  
 pest did fits fall perk up daft do a goo mister magoo deft need  
 tricky toll ding dong laughs away from me pooey git a looney moo  
 cow stand army dig rave stool loopy loo loop laughs away from me  
 aloha lug gun raps tom shit row boat row ahm dong doggone row  
 hup bo beat band rot titzy ritzy row roughs really come on rats reef  
 on roughing me up loud row boat ho rowing me to die yoiks  
 ratunek ratuj mnie never mo alsace rig rat pull me down to sure  
 thing rig be done so rough ups rig help hoy ha part of parachute pig  
 porks porky pall pest pigs ratty roo mesh in to a goat peg to daisy  
 do re by raft rooster do pert poo pukka up doing ugh so do a pig is  
 shy nots lay buy leek sauna rafts leap loose now pont dong bridge  
 buoy bah before was strong nong nah no go so far up dug me do a  
 holt to re sun best laugh because i'm sung sim a ready dumb limp  
 donk da ma lady lauck supprts cham stoop swine low dung rope s  
 shirty shoe stung stinky shower no days shout shames got done low  
 down laughs lows love leap on dan stand up rack rope what a goo  
 last time says to aloha says no to me puddle pilly parks stool clerk  
 desks himself alert for funs buns dilly oh my what a to do now  
 weeks past did works dim dirty low downs what left have got  
 sharks for ten eats me again bite my tails gosh prays sods gets bash  
 boom bertie ah so dill may like no pims shut face about turn digs  
 gaff graves bigs doom house hots quarrels taxis to bad lands age  
 says left over now gits gormless gaffe jandy gulp diff post parts

shamed lesson rig dippy do duck dough just on potter around so  
 lap goo somedi really laughing me do stuff awake gypsum jissom  
 salles across road showers shuts prisons to laps days get on giraffe  
 now talls see around elephant miss tails fatarse gets me downs  
 leppy grist grouse gets know how to stale jeffrey says do tale gig  
 plays says not good aloha around sails starch rough nails papa  
 trucks leeway to heaven knows what to do now just jiffy just joust  
 jerk so wah jimbo lass she moves around josh tear on making  
 whoopie settle to hop rounds shops sambo say swill jeeves story yes  
 little bit of this little bit of that remains me of aloha lagoon  
 leastways says pray tell me of such lest sowing tiers of stuff curtains  
 for mister mcduff who told me tell smells sundry of nest parts lays  
 paralyzed to get rainbows letters for siss leastways told girls says  
 wells gets lest least leeways lost my poo ppokie past pert pals pest  
 past gets lays leeways lost tries leaky lays leapy loves leeks loopy  
 loves loonie aloha says lookie here lestways lost pom pom lala says  
 naughty auch leapy lost boon spa days porkie pig lays eggs lays lies  
 lofty loo won't get me anew nowelegant

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