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I hate the sight
Of worn-out shoes—
Don't you?

I hate their scuffed, pushed-in toes;
I hate their stringy, straggly bows
And broken straps and run-down heels;
I hate the awful way it feels
To slop out in them on the street,
With people staring at your feet.

I hate their floppy,
Floppy talk
As I walk . . .
 and walk . . .
 and walk . . .
 and walk!

I like the look
Of brand-new shoes—
Don't you?

I like their stiff and shiny toes;
Their buckled straps and perky bows;
I like their level, jaunty heels;
I like the funny way it feels
To step out in them on the street,
With people staring at your feet.

I like their squeaky,
Squawky talk
As I walk . . .
 and walk . . .
 and walk . . .
 and walk!