

## Exemplar Poetry – “Two Tree Toads”

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A three-toed tree toad tried to tie  
A two-toed tree toad’s shoe.  
But tying two-toed shoes is hard  
For three-toed toads to do,  
Since three-toed shoes each have three toes,  
And two-toed shoes have two.

“Please tie my two-toed tree toad shoe!”  
The two-toed tree toad cried.  
“I tried my best. Now I must go,”  
The three-toed tree toad sighed.  
The two-toed tree toad’s two-toed shoe,  
Alas, remained untied.

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