

The Ups and Downs of Opposites

Dexter ran UP and DOWN,
Then IN and OUT,
Hey, those things are different!
He said with a shout.

Of course, Speedy says,
Like a fun little game,
I'll tell you about it,
Let me explain.

See, some things are different,
They're not the same,
They're OPPOSITES,
That's their name.

Down the driveway he prances,
And out toward the street,
Turns left on the sidewalk,
On his four white feet.

Dex, you named a few,
But there's more than four,
Let's turn the page,
I'll show you more.

Dex glides by,
On the SMOOTH, SMOOTH ice,
No bumps at all,
He skates so nice.

For Speedy, it's different,
The ice is ROUGH,
All cracks and bumps,
The skating is tough.

In the summer sun,
It is quite HOT,
Speedy doesn't mind,
She loves it a lot.

But when winter comes,
With all the snow and ice,
So COLD outside,
It isn't nice.

A boat race today,
Dexter goes so FAST,
Then his boat starts to leak,
And Speedy rows past.

Speedy, oh, Speedy,
She walks so SLOW,
But when she rows that boat,
Look at her go!

In an old airplane,
Speedy's flying so HIGH,
Says hi to the birdies,
Way up in the sky.

Dexter sniffs the floor,
His nose LOW to the ground,
Looks under the table,
A biscuit he's found!

The children so HAPPY,
Big smiles for all,
Because here comes Dexter,
Running down the hall.

Speedy loves the sunshine,
What a beautiful day!
But now so SAD,
The sun has gone away.

His fur so SOFT,
All brown and white.
Would you like to pet Dexter?
I think you might!

Speedy has no fur,
She has a shell,
Very HARD it is,
And protects her well.

Dexter likes to write,
So he picks up the chalk,
And makes BIG letters,
On the sidewalk.

Look at the colors,
Speedy loves them all,
But the letters she writes,
Are so very SMALL.

Speedy hears a noise,
Dex is ringing a bell,
It's much too LOUD,
She hides in her shell.

No noises now,
And no more play,
It's time for QUIET,
It's been a long day.

Speedy climbs and climbs,
And finally stops,
She's queen of the hill.
Speedy's on TOP!!

But who's on the BOTTOM,
Of this pile of pets?
Why, it's Dexter, of course!
But he's not done yet.

All the pets go flying,
When Dexy stands up,
Now on the BOTTOM is Speedy,
And on TOP is the pup!

Dex and Speedy's opposites,
Were so much fun,
From BEGINNING to END,
And now we're done!