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ALLIGATOR TROUBLE

A gator in the basement!
Whatever can I do?
Where did that gator come from?
I haven't got a clue.

He sorted out the laundry.
It's going through the spin.
He's really rather helpful
But I never asked him in.

He caulked some drafty windows.
He's awesome painting walls.
He found my brother's hamster
Underneath a bunch of balls.

He started up Dad's buzz saw
While wearing Mom's old blouse.
He cut out wooden patterns.
Now Rover has a house!

He fixed our broken furnace
And unclogged a sink or two.
Before that gator came here
There was lots of work to do.

He played a game of Ping-Pong
With himself at either end.
And if I dared to ask him
I am sure he'd be my friend.

A gator in the basement!
He's marching up the stairs.
So even though I like him,
I'd better say some prayers.

— *Christine Bodine*