

Perry the Pusillanimous Spider

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When Perry the spider went out for a jaunt,

The walls bright as butter were all he could want.

He found that the angle where roof and wall fit

was perfect for viewing the giants who sit.

In a circle (or square) he crawled round and round

Unaware other bugs in the room might abound.

At one point he felt the giants' attention;

On him it was resting, he then heard them mention

How big a spider he was sitting there

Easily spotted if one really cared.

Perry was pleased and proud to be flattered

Knowing, of course, that size really matters.

He took it to heart that the giants below

Would be frightened of him, and also too slow.

So he strut all about, being watchful as ever

Of unceasing stares that did not seem to waiver.

About him did the giants below start to talk
Of uses and conflicts and why they should balk.
And so they just sat there, he was convinced,
Because of the threat he was sure he evinced.
But as he was puffing and marching around
He caught mention of other creatures they found.
And there Perry stumbled and panicked inside
Confrontation was not worth risking his hide.
He determined by cheers and then by their sighs
Which direction to go for escape to be nigh
Fast as he could, 'round a corner he ran,
still in plain view of the two he called man.
But then he was trapped, he could see it was so:
Up ahead there was somebody else on the go
He stopped in his tracks, cornered at last,
An ant near his size was at him heading fast.
The ant charged right on, mindless of risks,
Not knowing or caring that Perry exists.
So Perry then waited until Ant was near,
And then, darted sideways, so Ant's path was clear
Perry then ran, to taunts, laughs and rants,
To the safety of walls that didn't have ants.
And the fate of poor Perry, (whose ego, you see,
had been shrunk to the size of a pitiful flea)?
He learned out the door you'll surely get bailed
When your spiderly courage gets summarily failed