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My mom took me to school today,  
Like every day I've gone,  
And everything still seemed okay  
'Till someone picked up Shawn.

And Todd and Sue and Ellie May,  
Miss Pritchard sent them home;  
I will admit it's hard to play  
When you've been left alone.

So one by one they left the room,  
And only some came back;  
There were just ten of us by noon  
And even less by snack.

I'm not sure when they called my name,  
But one thing was for sure;  
I wasn't going to fall the same  
Fate as my friends before.

I bolted past the office staff  
Who'd come to seal my doom...  
They promised me a toy giraffe  
If I'd come in the room.

They pointed to a purple chair  
And told me to sit down;  
They poked their fingers at my hair,  
Discussed me with a frown.

Still one of them was  
very nice,  
If only I had known:  
They'd searched my  
head for signs of LIFE  
and had to send me  
home.

Now though I recently  
turned five,  
And learned my  
phonics last,  
I could've told them  
I'm alive...  
If only they had asked!