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Here are my friends:
A bee and a bear.
They're friends with each other
And live over there;

Way way 'cross the sea
I can see with my eye
By the flopping old fruit tree
That no one will buy.

And next to the tree
Is an old man named Saul
Who is trying to sell me
A whooping-bird call.

I don’t really need it,
But oh what a price!
It comes with a pair
Of geologist mice!

I told him I’d give him
An answer next week,
When I know for sure
If my new pets can speak,

For what would I do
If I came home today
With a couple of rodents
With nothing to say?

The bear would just eat them.
I know that’s a fact.
The bee would leave me
All swelled and attacked.

So if Saul comes around
And he brings what he brings,
I'll just have to tell him
"I don’t want those things."

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