

Tiddalick the Frog

There was once a frog named Tiddalick
Who woke up one sunny day
With the most unquenchable thirst
That just wouldn't go away.

He lay down beside a billabong
And used it just like a big sink.
In went his large, wide open mouth
As he took a refreshing drink.

But Tiddalick was a greedy frog,
So he searched the land high and low
For all the water he could find
To help make his belly grow.

His stomach became enormous
As he emptied each river and lake,
The land was left barren and dry!
Only then did he take a break.

The other animals were also thirsty
When they woke up the very next day,
But there was simply no water to be seen.
They knew Tiddalick would have to pay!

They came up with a clever plan
That would bring all the water back.
They needed to make the great frog laugh,
But which one of them had the knack?
Echidna, she tried but failed

As she rolled down the hill in a ball.
Kookaburra made another attempt
When out of a tree she did fall.

Some others pulled silly faces,
While wombat told a funny joke.
Then cheeky eel came up to dance
And Tiddalick uttered a croak!

See eel was wriggling around so much,
He tied himself in a knot!
And Tiddalick started giggling,
First a little and then a LOT!

As he laughed, the water came gurgling
Out onto the scorched desert sand.
Quickly filling the lakes and the rivers,
Bringing life back to the dry, brown land.

The animals celebrated by drinking,
So grateful they were no longer needy.
And Tiddalick learnt a lesson himself:
That it simply doesn't pay to be greedy!

