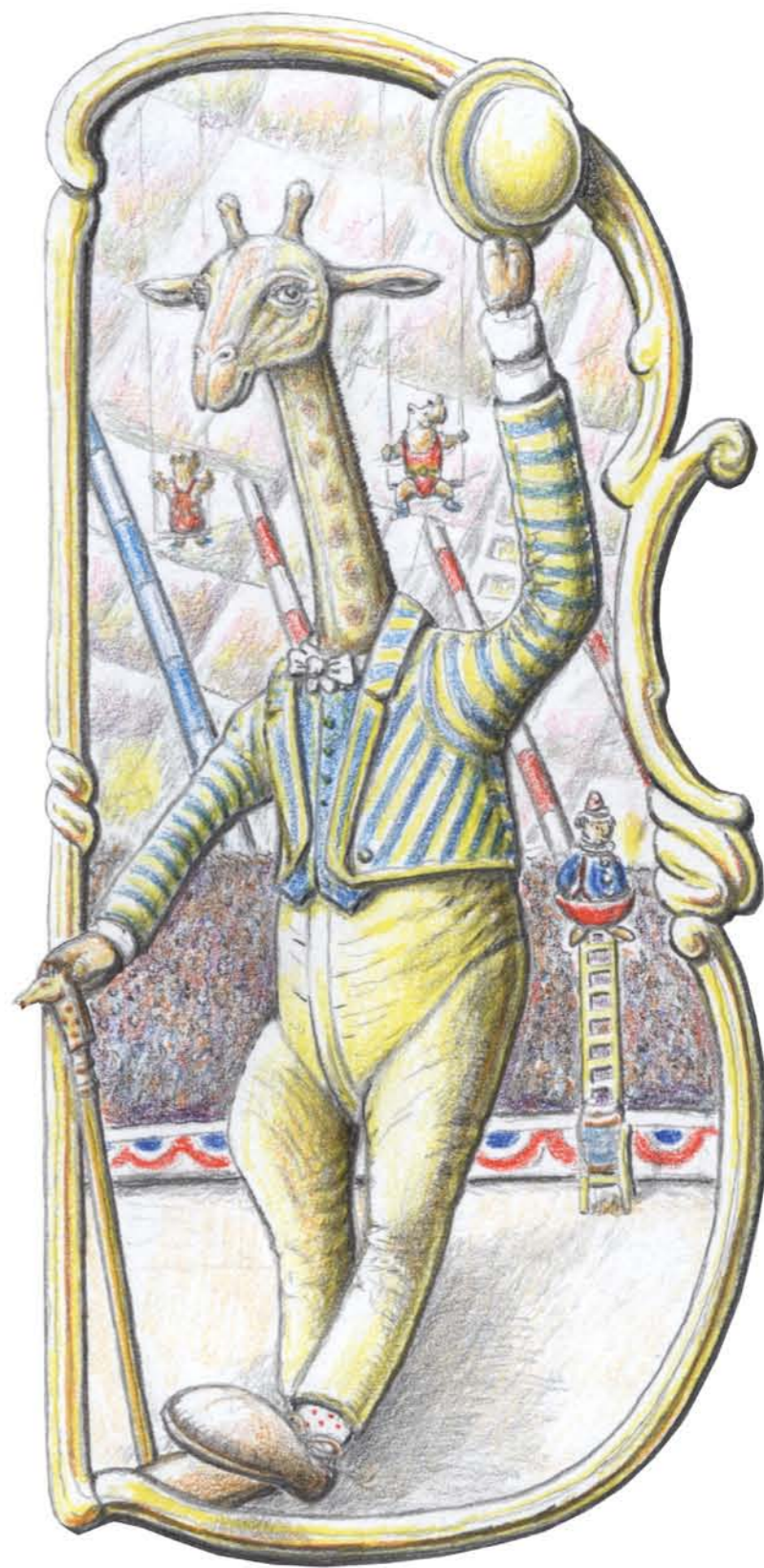




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Hippo Juggler



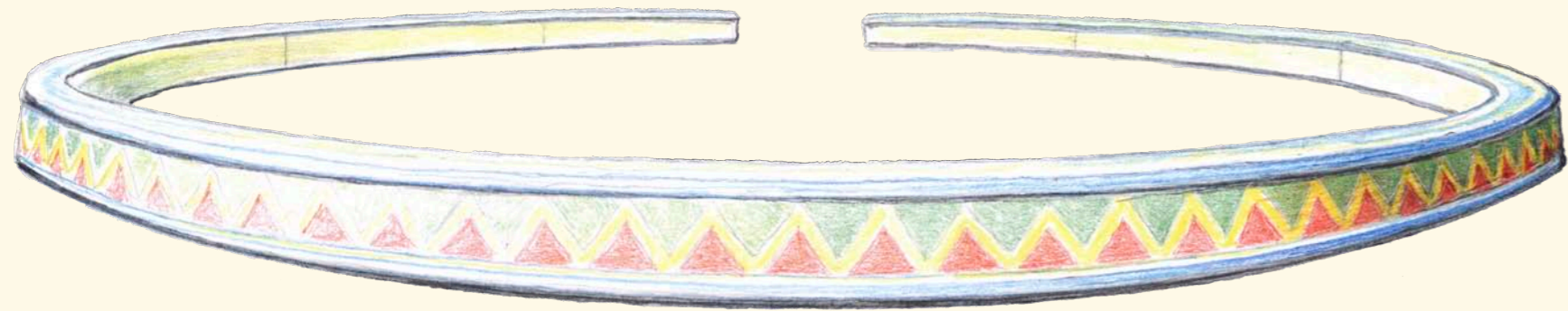
*A hippo juggler full of grace
Is met with universal praise
And shows a flawless sissonne
The scissor pose of the ballet*

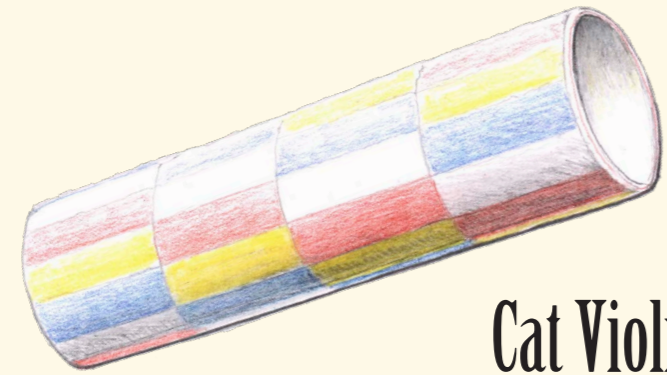




Bear Roller-Skater

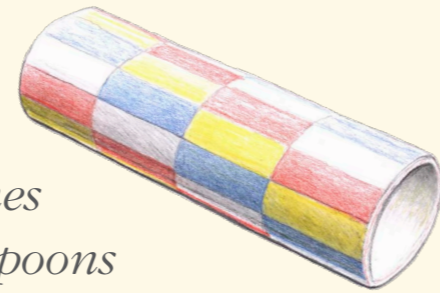
*A polar bear on roller-skates
Still circles 'round and contemplates
His life back in the icy sea
So far from this menagerie*





Cat Violinist

*The fiddler cat's familiar tunes
Of jumping cows and running spoons
Are played again to much fanfare
For audiences everywhere*





Koala Bassoonist

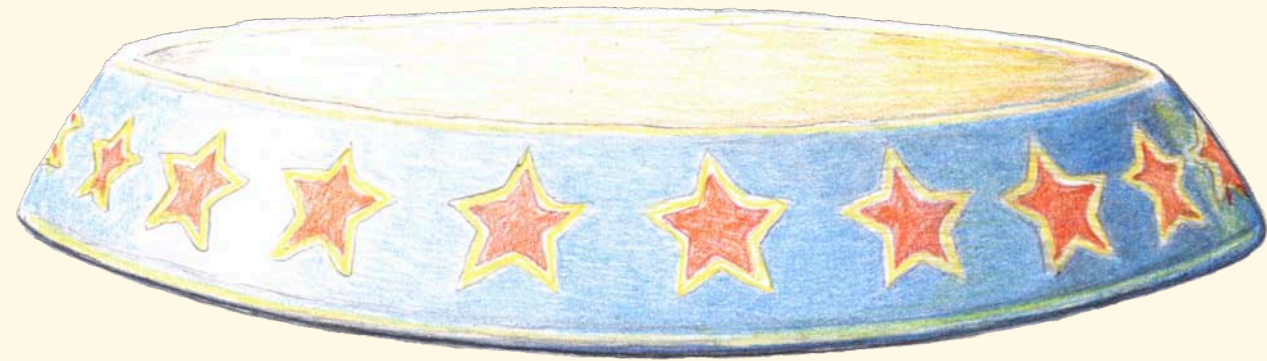
*From Down Under a special guest
Is pausing from his daily rest
And favored eucalyptus tree
To play his woodwind melody*





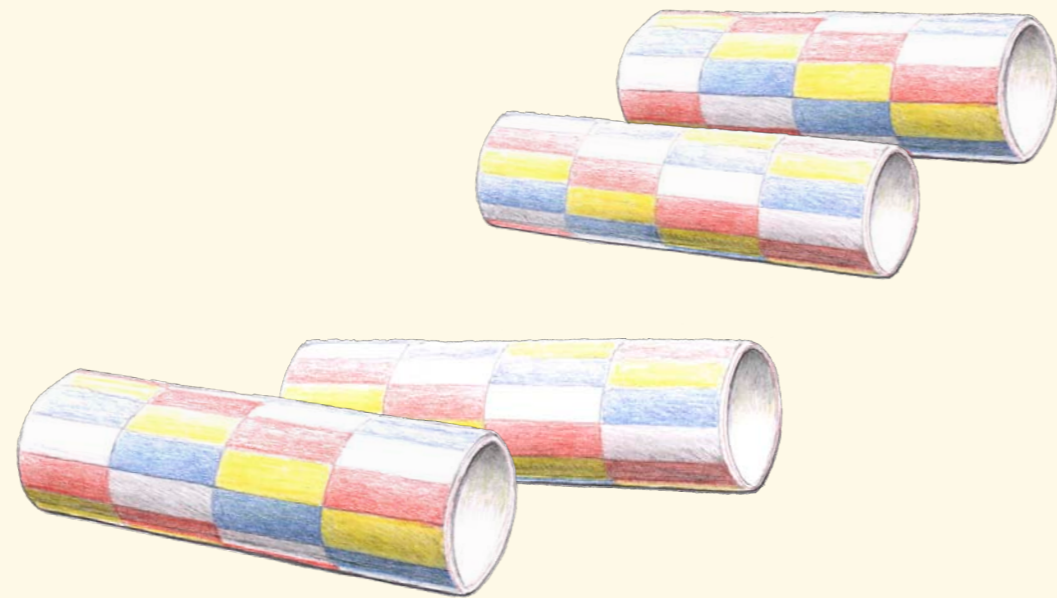
Rhino Banjo Player

*A famous banjo duelist
Whose vigor no one can resist
Is maestro of the strumming string
And champion in the boxing ring*



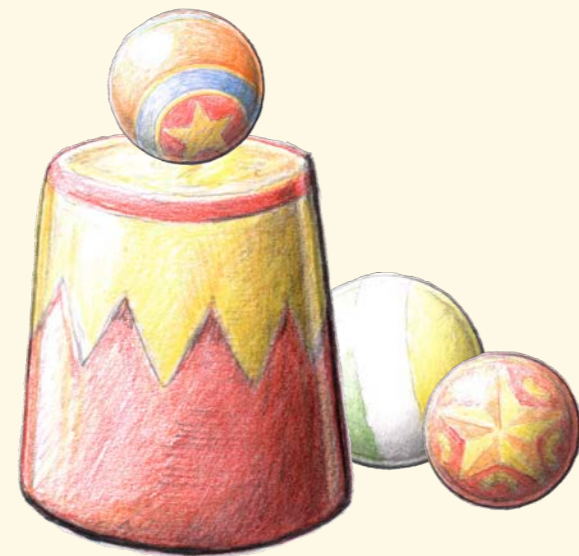
Tiger Fakir

*The mighty tiger elevates
Himself as he premeditates
His destinations in the sky
Where flabbergasted birds fly by*



Crocodile Cymbalist

*From mangroves in the Everglades
To concert halls and promenades
This well-renowned percussionist
Plays Grieg, Rachmaninoff or Liszt*



Lion Tamer

*A king among the animals
And ringmaster of carnivals
The roaring lion leads the way
On tour from London to Marseilles*





Hippo Ribbon Dancer



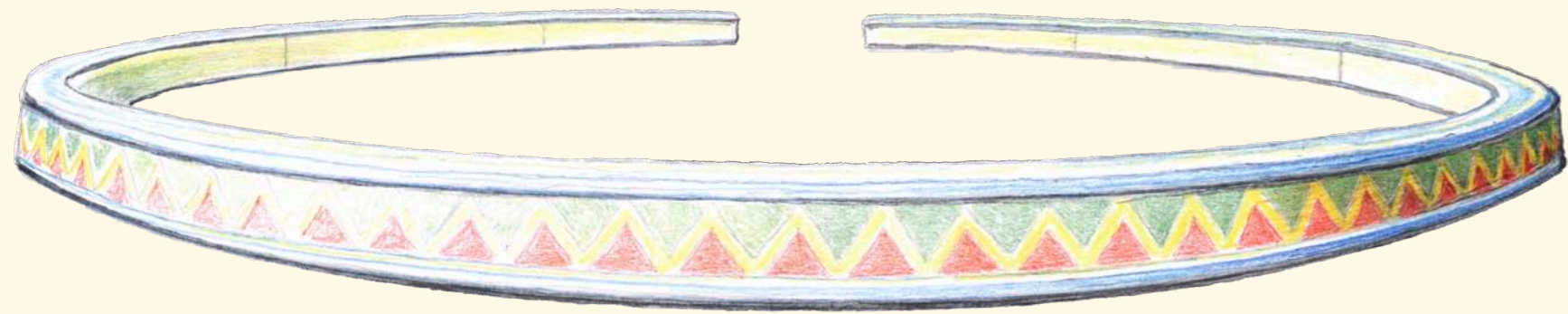
*The ribbon dancer's agile poise
Is greeted by a drowning noise
The spectators are all in awe
When she defies Sir Newton's law*





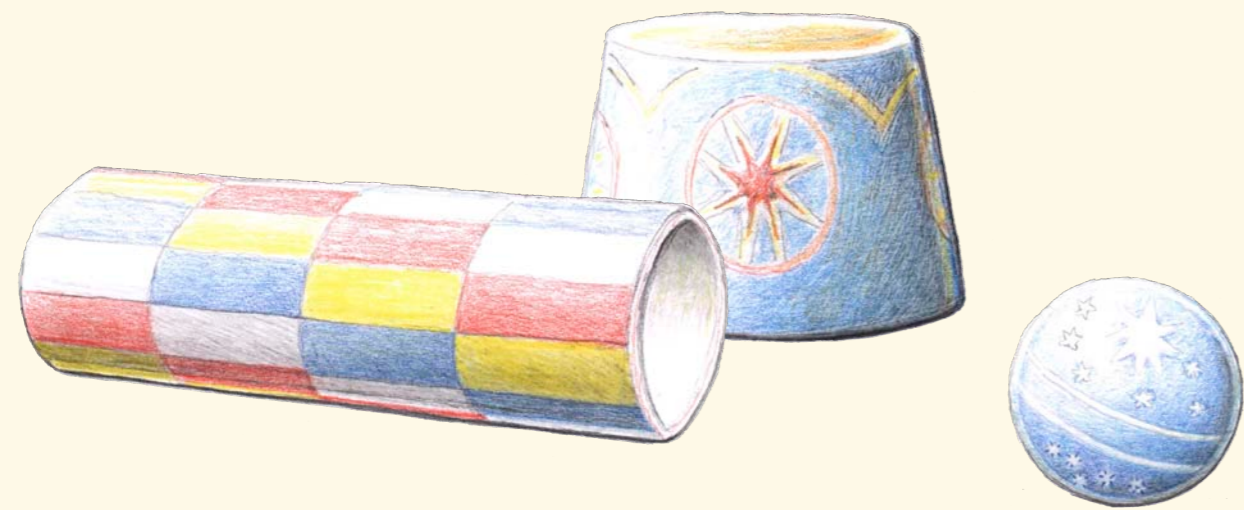
Lion Conductor

*The lion leader of the band
With stick and tuning fork in hand
Whose twin is master of the rings
Conducts the sounds of winds and strings*



Mole Tent Workers

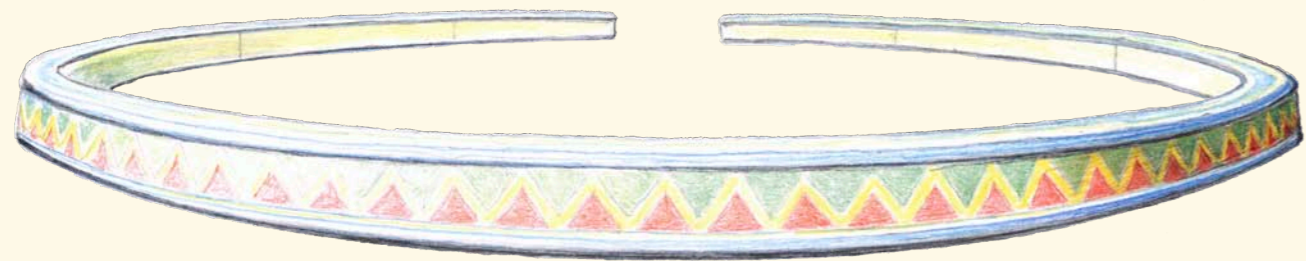
*Appearing from their earthen mound
The moles drive posts into the ground
With heavy clubs, in denim clothes
They raise the tent with jarring blows*





Parrot Drummer

*The rhythm section's heart and beat
Is manned by this fine parakeet
As steady as a metronome
Inside the massive circus dome*

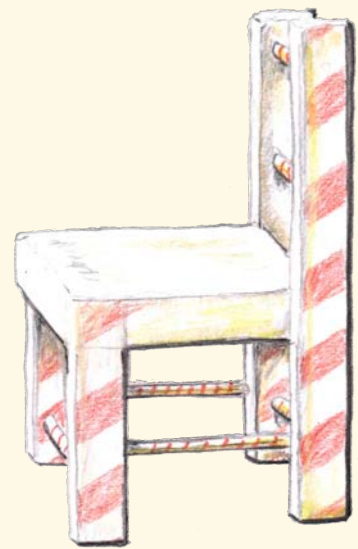




Porky Drummer

*The piglet's cheerful one-man band
Has crowds of fans and cash in hand
This little drummer hog delights
In fine cuisine and pretty sights*

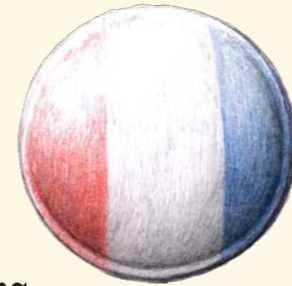




Parrot Flutist

*A piper dressed in feathered gowns
Accompanies buffoons and clowns
With silver flute and catchy tunes
Among trapezes and balloons*





Raccoon Boxers

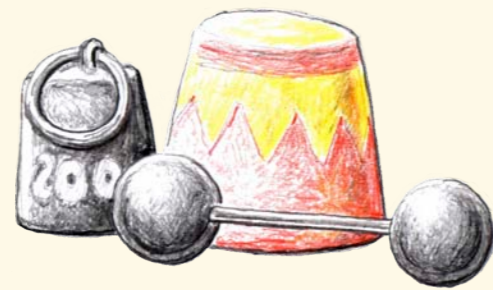
*The reigning boxers in the ring
Are not afraid of anything
They always pick a fight to win
And never throw their towels in*





Rhino Strongman

*Much stronger than a ploughing ox
This rhino is a paradox
So soft and gentle, mild and frank
Yet armored like a heavy tank*





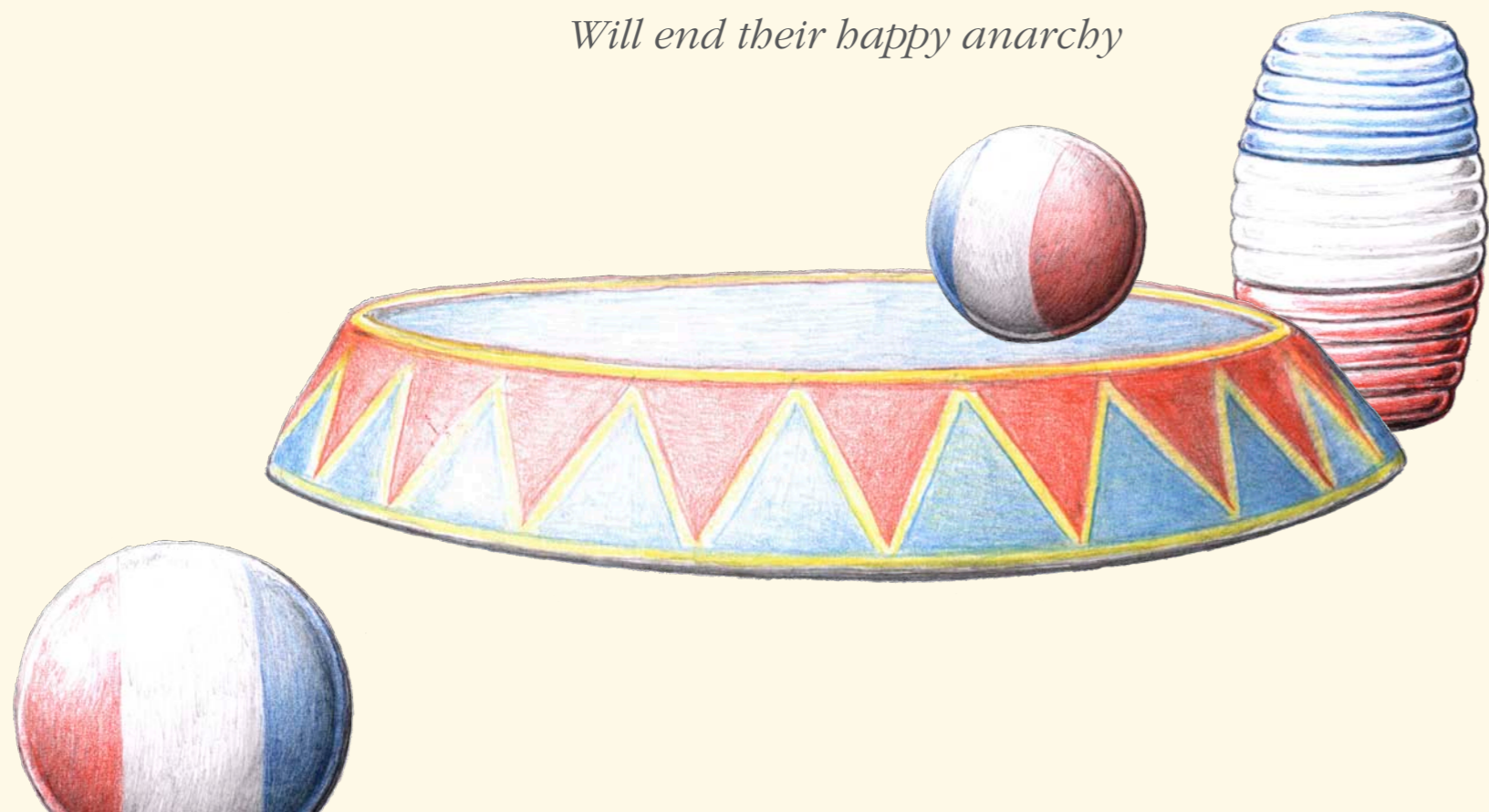
Sea Lion Joggler

*A juggler in his finest pose
With beach balls wobbling on his nose
The balance of this fine jongleur
Is praised by every connoisseur*



Napoleon

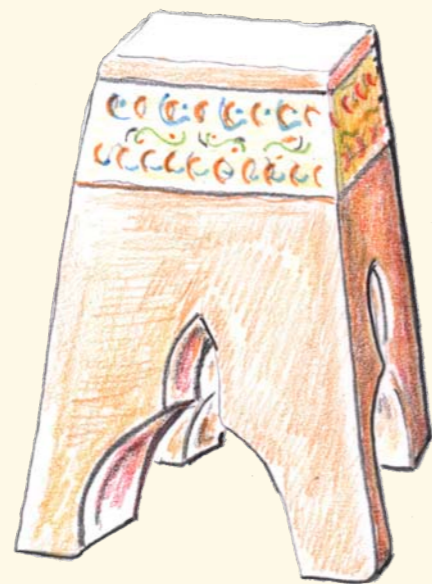
*George Orwell wrote about a farm
Where beasts revolt and take up arms
But soon pig-headed tyranny
Will end their happy anarchy*





Raccoon Oboist

*No woodwind instrument exceeds
The oboe with its trembling reeds
Whose melancholic solo voice
Can pierce through all orchestral noise*

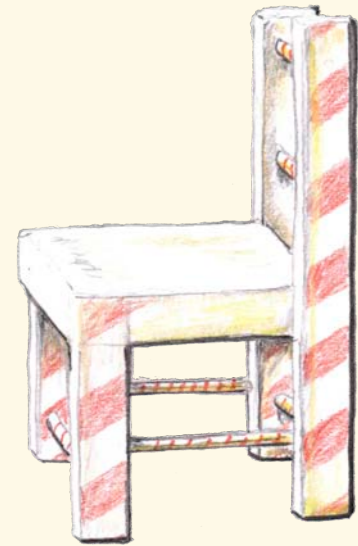




Rhino Triangle Player

*The rhino with his steady hand
Is most essential to the band
A learned audience will extol
His triangle's metallic roll*





Tiger and Panda Magician

*While working on their act for years
These fine illusionists appear
To rebuff rivals in their field
And keep their many tricks concealed*





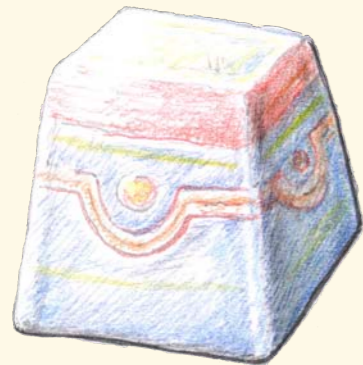
Turtle Harpist

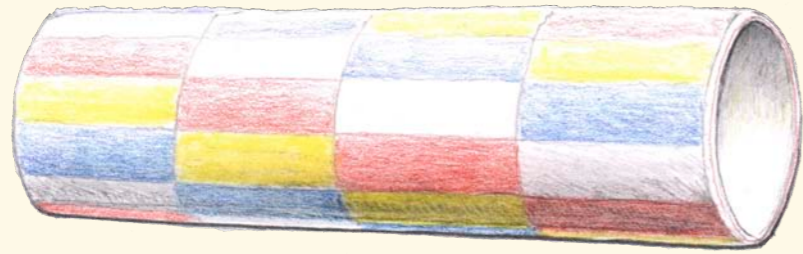
*This gentle reptile Orpheus
Whose skills remain impervious
Has never caused the least offence
And spellbinds any audience*



Walrus Accordionist

*This sailor from the Seven Seas
Refers to thunderstorm as breeze
His shanties have become seaborne
From Petersburg down to Cape Horn*





Bear Clarinetist

*Since he heard Rhapsody in Blue
This bear cub from a local zoo
Put other interests aside
And learned to play it overnight*



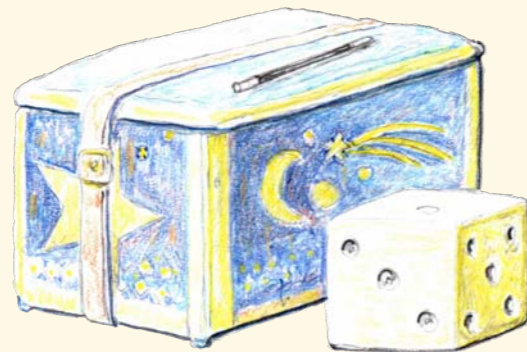
Koala Clown

*When he puts on his big clown pants
And moves like they were full of ants
The spectators applaud and laugh
And fight over his autograph*



Elephant Magician

*The rabbits jumping from his hat
Are followed by an alley cat
And now the wizard's magic wand
Reveals some ducklings from a pond*



Giraffe Tall Clown

*Although his look is vertical
There's nothing odd or comical
About this fine aristocrat
Tap dancer, clown, and acrobat*





Cat Hula Hoop Performer

*Avoiding a routine treadmill
The cat performs at his own will
But when he works his hula hoop
The circus has its greatest coup*

