

## **A Visit from the Bogeyman**

The bogeyman is in town  
with a shadow as tall as a tower  
and crinkly pale moonlit skin.

He's come to Amy-Lou's house,  
with a list of bad things she did.

*Your room is a mess,  
you wrap your carrots  
and turnips in tissue  
and throw them in the bin,  
you scribble your homework,  
you interrupt the teacher,  
you chew blue bubble gum  
in gymnastics.*

The bogeyman walks around town  
with Amy-Lou  
and tells her stories  
about well-behaved kids  
who sound to her like kids  
from another planet.

But then he whispers  
"If you don't mend your ways  
I'll swallow you whole  
and you'll live in the shadowland  
of my stomach."

From that day on  
Amy-Lou is good,  
so very, very good  
but she'll never  
ever say why.