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対象 : 小学 3～6 年生

Blast Off!

In the corner of my bedroom
it's waiting. *Ten, nine, eight*..
nose-cone pointing skywards
at the ready, till the night

I refuse to do my sums
and mum takes away my iPad.
I run upstairs, slam the door;
it's bleeping on its launch pad.

Quick as a flash it comes to me;
I'll fly it. *Seven, six, five*..
I get into the cardboard box,
I'm clever and I'm brave –

through the roof I'll go, then up,
I know just what to do,
I'm counting down to nothing
four..
three..
two

one..
ZERO and I'm off,
heading straight for Mars,
steering with my frisbee wheel
past unfamiliar stars,

crash-landing on a cold, white moon
which isn't rock at all
but stinky socks and apple cores.
I'm hungry and I'm small.

I hear mum's voice. She's calling out
I won't tell you again.
What on earth are you up to? Right!
I'm counting. Eight. Nine. Ten.

(155 words)

Adapted from Carole Bromley's "Blast off!"