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### **My Favorite Things**

by Tess, fifth grade poet

A warm snuggly blankly and a white bouncy chair,  
Pillsbury dough boy and a rubber snake that clings everywhere,  
My mom's golden rings,  
These are few of my favorite things.

The noise of thunder and rain on my CD,  
Spicy pepperoni and rose petals that I see,  
Baby birds that sing,  
These are few of my favorite things.

To be a chef and have a good education,  
To be responsible and respect my nation,  
A family that loves me and happiness they bring,  
These are few of my favorite things.

When I get teased,  
When I get a bad grade,  
When I have to wake up and I'm tired,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.



### **My Favorite Things**

by Ty, fifth grade poet

Toy trucks that move slow and Swiss cheese that melts fast,  
Mean Power Rangers and a game, Frogger, I liked in the past,  
Dogs I called Bubber and songs I used to sing,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Chocolate chip cookies and waterfalls smacking water,  
Fuzzy fur and pumpkin pie that gets hotter,  
Waiting for a whitetail and the sweet smell of hot wings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Friends who like me for who I am and a son that plays football,  
A visit to China, even the Great Wall,  
A healthy body, maybe be a very rich king,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When I break a bone,  
When my mom cuts my hair,  
When I am feeling sick,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.



The lesson that inspired this writing can be found online at the WritingFix website:  
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### **My Favorite Things**

by Haylee, fifth grade poet

Mud puddles, rain, and a Barbie kitchen,  
A giant white bunny and stories, I listen.  
My baby blanket made with white strings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

I love the delicious aroma of my gram's homemade chili,  
The sight of a little wet kitten, it's silly.  
I love the sweet taste of pumpkin pie rolls in the shape of rings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

A sweet loving family and a friend I can talk to,  
A job that I'm good at and a life I can get through.  
If it could happen, a car with wings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When I get a bad grade,  
When I am very sick,  
When I fall down,  
I simply remember my favorite things  
And then I don't feel so bad.



### **My Favorite Things**

by Zachary, fifth grade

Barney on T.V and a little stuffed bear,  
A little red blanket and a toy dog with a stare,  
Toy trucks and dinosaurs or monsters on strings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

The taste of turkey or the smell of pie baking,  
The touch of fur or the sound birds are making,  
The view of the ocean or curved wings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

Vacation to Florida or a career in MLB,  
Go back to where I was born and people who trust me,  
Playing Penn State football and seeing parrot wings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.

When I break a bone,  
When I lose my phone,  
When I wreck my bike and I'm feeling mad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
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