Nine Mice

Nine mice on tiny tricycles went riding on the ice, they rode in spite of warning signs, they rode despite advice.

The signs were right, the ice was thin, in half a trice, the mice fell in, and from their chins down to their toes, those mice entirely froze.

Nine mindless mice, who paid the price, are thawing slowly by the ice, still sitting on their tricycles
... nine white and shiny micicles!

Jaack Prelutsky

Absent

Dear Teacher,
my body's arrived
it sits at a table
a pen in its hand
as if it is able
to think and to act
perhaps write down the answer
to the question you've asked

but don't let that fool you.

My mind is elsewhere.

My thoughts far away.

So apologies, teacher, I'm not here today.

Bernard Young