

## **Racing Day at the Zoo**

Recently, at our local zoo  
the animals had had enough  
jackrabbit said she was fastest  
and the cheetah called her bluff

So they chose a day to have a race  
to see who was truly number one  
many more asked to join in too  
because it sounded kind of fun

But the walrus backed out quickly  
as he's definitely nobody's fool  
he knew he wouldn't win this thing  
unless the race was held in his pool

The bat was then forced to quit  
when they said he couldn't fly  
and the meerkat stood down next  
claiming something in her eye

The penguin was given a stopwatch  
and was asked if he'd keep time,  
left out, cold and disappointed  
he waddled to the finish line

Cheetah and jackrabbit at the starting gate  
there were seven more racers there  
lion, giraffe, sloth, tiger,  
gorilla, elephant and bear

The zoo was closed for Christmas  
though it was a truly blue sky day  
the parrot imitated a starting gun  
and the race was off and under way

There was lots of pushing and shoving  
the gorilla slipped in the mucky mud  
though the tiger hadn't bit anyone  
he was determined and out for blood

The cheetah wasn't a cheater  
but he did pull on the lion's mane  
who roared his disapproval,  
his race over, the lion tamed

Now, over halfway to the finish  
they were quickly running out of time  
jackrabbit kicked into second gear  
and we soon had a bear behind

The tiger and elephant tangled up  
in a pile of fur and dust and musk  
the tiger blamed the poor elephant  
said he'd tripped over the big oaf's tusk

There were just four racers running  
as they made their final round  
the penguin now had a camera  
he'd borrowed from Lost and Found

As they neared the finish line  
giraffe tripped and almost broke her neck  
shoulder to shoulder, bumping pushing  
cheetah and jackrabbit both leapt

The penguin snapped a blurry photo  
and once all the dust had settled  
cheetah and jackrabbit tied for second  
sloth surprisingly had won the medal

The fastest animal was the sloth  
had beat them both by just a step  
when asked, he slowly smiled, and said,  
"I just started. I hadn't ever left."

The jackrabbit filed a protest  
cheetah started to scream and cry  
the penguin ruled the sloth had won  
because a picture doesn't lie

They're all back in their cages,  
or to their cave, their pool, their pen  
every single one strategizing  
for that day they'll race again

Except for our friend the sloth  
he won't race if there's a next  
he's got dates with all the ladies  
and an endorsement deal with Fedex

It's a day he'll remember forever  
the air was brisk, the sky was blue  
that Christmas holiday they raced  
to see who was fastest in the zoo